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THE XMM CLUSTER SURVEY:A NEW CLUSTER CANDIDATE SAMPLE AND DETAILED SELECTION FUNCTIONSUMMARY

In this thesis we present the XCS DR3 cluster candidate list. This represents the first major update of the XMM Cluster Survey since 2005. The candidate list comprises of 1365 entries with more than 300 detected counts distributed over 229 deg^2 . We note that a larger area (523 deg^2) is available for the study of X-ray point sources and that the new XCS point source sample has more than 130,000 entries. After redshift follow-up and X-ray spectral analysis, these 1365 clusters will comprise the largest homogeneous sample of medium to high redshift X-ray clusters ever compiled. The future science applications of the XCS DR3 clusters include the study of the evolution of X-ray scaling relations and a measurement of cosmological parameters. In support of these science applications, we also present in this thesis detailed selection functions for the XCS. These selection functions allow us to quantify the number of clusters we didn't detect in our survey regions. We have taken two approaches to the determination of the selection function: the use of simple (circular & isothermal) β models and the use of 'observations' of synthetic clusters from the CLEF N-body simulation. The β model work has allowed us to explore how the selection function depends on key cluster parameters such as luminosity, temperature, redshift, core size and profile shape. We have further explored how the selection function depends on the underlying cosmological model and applied our results to XCS cosmology forecasting (Sahlen et al. 2009). The CLEF work has allowed us to explore more complex cluster properties, such as core temperature, core shape, substructure and ellipticity. In summary, the combination of the cluster catalogues and selection functions presented herein will facilitate field leading science applications for many years to come.

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Chapter 1

Introduction

Being able to understand and explain the world around us has been the major goal of scientists throughout history. In the present age, advances in knowledge and technology have enabled us to build a consistent, if incomplete, picture of how the Universe has come to be in the state we currently observe. In the now favoured Λ CDM cosmology (see Section 1.1.1), the structure we observe today grew from an initial set of density fluctuations in the early Universe. Regions of space that are overdense with respect to the mean density grow over time under the influence of gravity, merging together to produce larger and larger systems. In this hierarchical model of structure formation the universe develops a weblike topology with large voids separated by filaments of matter (See Figure 1.1). It is at the intersections of these filaments that we find massive clusters of galaxies.

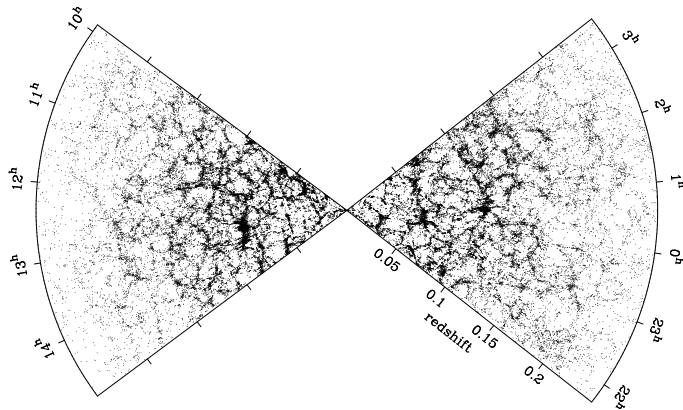


Figure 1.1: A map of the 2dFGRS (Colless et al., 2001) showing the weblike topology of the local universe

Clusters of galaxies are the largest gravitationally bound systems in the Universe with masses ranging from $10^{13}M_{\odot}$ for small groups to $10^{15}M_{\odot}$ for the richest clusters. It is largely due to their enormous size that clusters are interesting to study. They can reasonably be expected to reflect the mass content of the Universe as a whole, and are

key objects for studying cosmology, and structure formation (e.g. Rosati et al. (2002), Schuecker et al. (2003), Sahlén et al. (2009)).

Optical identification of galaxy clusters goes back as far as the late 1700's when it was recognised that 'nebulae' (galaxies) were more concentrated in certain regions of the sky (Messier 1784, Herschel 1785), these early discoveries were of what are now known as the Virgo and Coma clusters.

In the 1960's extended X-ray emission was detected from the direction of Coma (Boldt et al 1966). Felten et al. (1966) discussed the possibility of the X-rays being unresolved emission from galaxies. After ruling this out, on the grounds that the galaxies would need to be 10^4 times brighter in the X-ray band than the Milky Way, the authors attributed the emission to thermal bremsstrahlung from hot ($\sim 10^8 K$) gas filling the cluster volume. Shortly thereafter this was observed to be the case for Coma, Virgo and Perseus (Forman et al. (1972), Gursky et al. (1971), Kellogg et al. (1972)). By now over a thousand clusters have been detected in the X-ray band (e.g Böhringer et al. (2001)).

Figure 1.2 shows the Coma cluster in both optical and X-ray wavebands. X-ray radiation is absorbed by the Earth's atmosphere, so X-ray observations must be taken from high altitude, often by satellite. X-ray astronomy is expensive, but is vital for cluster studies since, by mass, the X-ray emitting gas makes up a factor of $\sim 5 - 10$ more of the cluster than the galactic component (the dominant component by far is dark-matter, $\sim 90\%$).

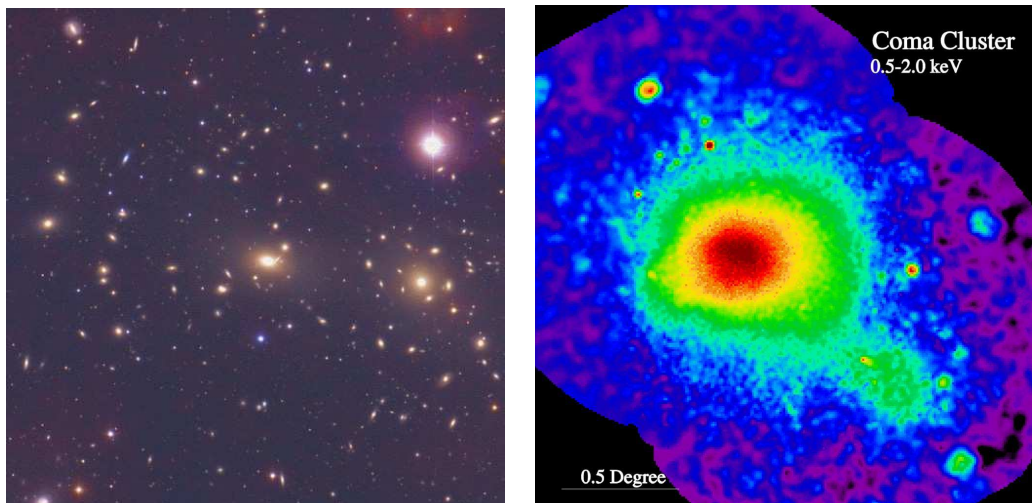


Figure 1.2: On the left, An optical image (Omar Lopez-Cruz & Ian Shelton NAO/AURA/NSF), and on the right, an X-ray image (S. L. Snowden USRA, NASA/GSFC) of the Coma cluster of galaxies.¹

This introductory chapter outlines some of the current understanding of clusters of galaxies, including their appearance in X-ray wavelengths and how they can be used to study

¹The optical image was created from three separate exposures taken in three different bands, using the Kitt Peak National Observatory's 0.9-meter telescope. The X-ray image was taken by ROSAT.

cosmology. We will begin by looking at the theoretical framework within which this work sits. Then we will discuss the observational picture, and see where this agrees with theoretical predictions, and where it differs. Finally we will discuss the motivation and need for a new cluster survey, the XMM Cluster Survey (XCS).

1.1 Theoretical Framework

In this section we will discuss the theory behind the rest of the work in the thesis. While this is not a theoretical thesis, an understanding of the theory is important in order to motivate any observational work. We also use some of the following equations in Chapters 5 and 6. We will begin with the cosmological model, and see how some of the parameters in this model can be constrained through observations.

1.1.1 Cosmological Framework

Over the past decade one cosmological model in particular has emerged that appears to be able to explain the current observations. In this model, the geometry of the universe is flat, and the energy density is made of two principal components, matter and dark energy. The baryonic matter (stars, gas, dust etc.) that we can observe only makes up a small percentage of the total matter density, the rest is made up of cold dark matter, which we can only detect via its gravitational interaction. It is the dark energy component of the universe that is driving the recently observed accelerating expansion (e.g. Perlmutter and Schmidt (2003)).

Arguably the first person to notice and attempt to measure the expansion of the Universe was Edwin Hubble. In 1929 Hubble formulated the following expression to explain the observed recession velocity of galaxies in the universe, $v = H(t)d$, where v is the recession velocity between galaxies separated by distance d . $H(t) = \dot{a}/a$ is the Hubble parameter, $a(t)$ is the scale factor, the present day value is $a_0 = 1$, \dot{a} is the time derivative of a . \dot{a} and a are constant in space, but vary with time. Hubble made the measurement of recession velocities via the galaxy's redshift; this is a shifting of the galaxy's spectrum caused by its line of sight velocity. Redshift is defined in Equation 1.1, where λ_{em} is the emitted wavelength of a particular spectral feature (e.g. absorption line), and λ_{ob} is the observed wavelength of the same feature.

$$z = \frac{\lambda_{ob} - \lambda_{em}}{\lambda_{em}} \quad (1.1)$$

The cosmological redshift z of radiation from distant objects is related to the scale factor of the universe when that radiation was emitted by $a = (1 + z)^{-1}$.

We can better understand the expansion of the universe using a model. The current favoured series of model for predicting the observed behaviour are known as Friedmann-Lemaitre models. There are many review articles and textbooks that go into this topic in great detail (eg. Peacock, 1999. Liddle and Lyth, 2000.). Here we will just discuss some of the key points.

The cosmological principle states that on large enough scales the universe is homogenous and isotropic, and that the expansion rate will be the same everywhere. Using this principle, in conjunction with laws of energy conservation, it is possible to derive Equation 1.2. This is the Friedmann equation which describes the expansion of the universe.

$$\left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a}\right)^2 = \frac{8\pi G}{3}\rho - \frac{k}{a^2} \quad (1.2)$$

where ρ is the time dependant, but spatially invariant density. The constant k describes the curvature of the universe and can have values of -1,0,1 relating to open, flat and closed geometry respectively.

To make use of the Friedmann equation we need to know how the density of the universe evolves with time. For this we use the fluid equation (Equation 1.3) which can be derived from the first law of thermodynamics.

$$\dot{\rho}c^2 = -3\frac{\dot{a}}{a}(\rho c^2 + p) \quad (1.3)$$

Where p is pressure, and c is the speed of light.

The Friedmann and fluid equations can be used to derive Equation 1.4 describing the acceleration of the scale factor, this is known as the acceleration equation.

$$\frac{\ddot{a}}{a} = -\frac{4}{3}\pi G\left(\rho + \frac{3p}{c^2}\right) \quad (1.4)$$

In order to see how the universe will behave we also require an equation of state, relating ρ and p . If $p = w\rho c^2$, then density changes with the expansion as $\rho \propto a^{-3(1+w)}$, leading to Equation 1.5, which relates the rate of change in the scale factor to the equation of state.

$$\dot{a}^2 = \frac{8\pi G}{3}\rho_0 a^{-(1+3w)} + const \quad (1.5)$$

Where ρ_0 is the density at the present day.

It is common practice to express the energy density in terms of the critical density, $\rho_c = 3H^2/8\pi G$, (the density required for a flat, $k = 0$, universe dominated by a $w = 0$ component). The density parameter is defined such that $\Omega = \rho/\rho_c$. Using this definition we can now begin to express the behaviour of the universe using Equation 1.6.

$$\left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a}\right)^2 = H_0^2[\Omega(1+z)^{3(1+w)} + (1-\Omega)(1+z)^2] \quad (1.6)$$

It is possible, and indeed is the case for our universe, that several different components each with its own equation of state, will influence the dynamics of the expansion. The key components of our universe are non-relativistic particles, e.g dark matter and baryons ($\Omega_m; w = 0$), photons and relativistic particles e.g. neutrinos ($\Omega_r; w = 1/3$), and ‘dark energy’ ($\Omega_{DE}; w < -1/3$). Below we assume a more specific type of dark energy, the so called ‘cosmological constant’ ($\Omega_\Lambda; w = -1$).

A dynamical description of the universe is therefore given by Equation 1.7, in which $\Omega_{total} = \Omega_m + \Omega_\Lambda + \Omega_r$.

$$H^2(z) = \left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a}\right)^2 = H_0^2[\Omega_m(1+z)^3 + \Omega_r(1+z)^4 + \Omega_\Lambda + (1-\Omega_{total})(1+z)^2] \quad (1.7)$$

which can be reduced to $H(z) = H_0 E(z)$. It is clear from Equation 1.7 that measurements of the density parameters (Ω_x) will give an understanding of the expansion history of the universe.

Measurements of the Cosmic Microwave Background (CMB), combined with those from Supernovae and Galaxy Cluster studies, have shown that the likely make up of the Universe is $\Omega_\Lambda = 0.726 \pm 0.015$, $\Omega_{DarkMatter} = 0.228 \pm 0.013$, $\Omega_{Baryons} = 0.0456 \pm 0.0015$, $\Omega_r = 2.469 \times 10^{-5}$ (for $T_{CMB} = 2.725\text{K}$)², this is often called the Λ CDM cosmology in reference to the principal components. See Figure 1.3 for a pictorial representation of values of the dominant components.

Ω_r is measured from the temperature of the CMB blackbody radiation and is known to a high precision. The parameters Ω_Λ & Ω_m can be determined in combination (i.e. $\Omega_\Lambda + \Omega_m$) from the CMB anisotropy power spectrum or the luminosity of distant supernovae. In order to gain an estimate of Ω_m (rather than $\Omega_\Lambda + \Omega_m$), the traditional approach is to use the evolution in the number density of clusters of galaxies, $(n(m, z))$. The driving science motivation behind the development of the XCS is the measurement of Ω_m . The cluster abundance has some sensitivity to Ω_Λ and we hope to exploit that in XCS also. For completeness we also define here the parameter σ_8 . This is the normalisation of the matter power spectrum at cluster scales ($8h^{-1}\text{Mpc}$).

1.1.2 Cosmological distances

In this subsection we define three distance measurements used in this thesis.

Comoving distance.

The comoving distance (d_C) between two objects is defined in such a way that it remains

²parameter data taken from Komatsu et al. (2009).

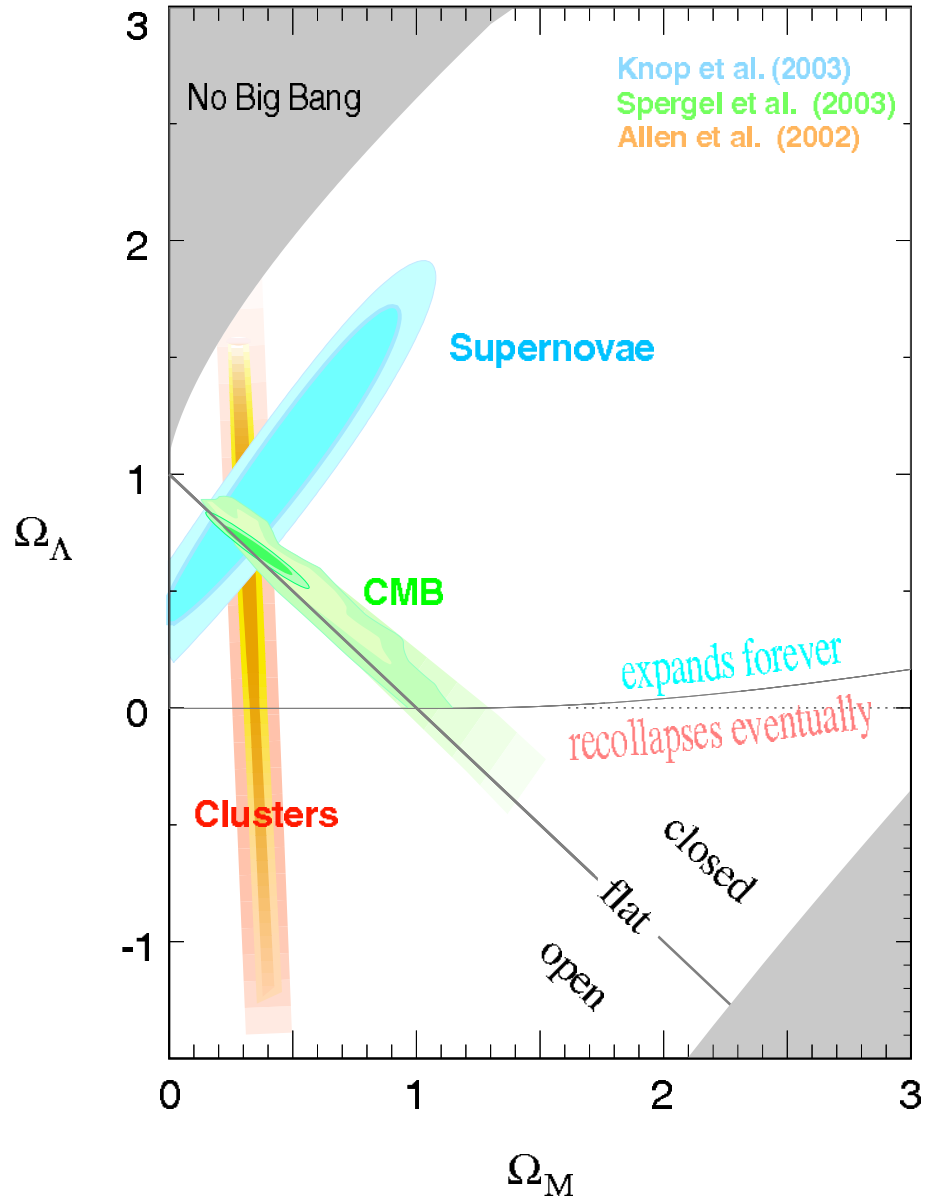


Figure 1.3: Cosmological parameters as measured from three complementary methods. Figure courtesy of the Supernova Cosmology Project (Knop et al., 2003).

constant with time if the only motion is that caused by the universal expansion.

$$d_C = \frac{c}{H_0} \int_0^z \frac{dz}{E(z)} \quad (1.8)$$

This is actually the line-of-sight co-moving distance to an object at redshift z . For cases where $k = 0$ this is equal to the transverse co-moving distance (d_M).

Luminosity distance.

A method of measuring distance is via the ‘standard candle’ method. A standard candle is an object with a known luminosity. By measuring the flux (energy received per area, in Watts/m²) received from an object, the distance can be calculated.

Due to the expansion of the universe, the flux (S) received from an object does not relate to its luminosity (L) and distance in the same way as expected in flat, static space. The luminosity distance (d_L) is defined as the apparent distance to an object, i.e. the proper distance assuming static flat space. d_L is given by Equation 1.9.

$$d_L = \sqrt{\frac{L}{4\pi S}} \quad (1.9)$$

The expansion in fact causes the measured flux to be reduced by a factor of $1/(1+z)^2$ from the Euclidean expectation.

Angular-diameter distance.

Another method of measuring distance is using a ‘standard ruler’. If you know the physical size (l) of an object, the distance to it can be calculated by measuring its angular size (θ) on the sky.

The Angular-diameter distance (d_A) is a measure of how large an object appears to be. It is defined as the apparent distance to an object under the assumption of static Euclidean geometry, $d_A \sim l/\theta$.

Like d_L , d_A is also affected by the expansion and geometry of the universe.

d_L , d_C and d_A are related via Equation 1.10.

$$d_L = (1+z)d_C = (1+z)^2 d_A \quad (1.10)$$

As seen in Equation 1.8, d_C is dependent on cosmological parameters via $E(z)$, and therefore so are d_L and d_A (Equation 1.10). This enables different projects to measure cosmological parameters using very different methods: Supernovae can be used via d_L since type Ia supernovae are standard candles (e.g. Perlmutter and Schmidt (2003)); Baryon acoustic oscillations (BAO) can be used via d_A since they are standard rulers (e.g. Percival et al.

(2007)); The gas mass fraction (f_{gas}) in clusters is also a type of standard candle, as it is thought to be invariant with z (e.g. Allen et al. (2002), see the orange section in Figure 1.3). It is to be noted that the f_{gas} method is not the mechanism XCS plans to use to measure parameters.

In Chapters 5 and 6, d_L and d_A must be calculated for our simulated clusters, in order to do this d_L is computed via numerical integration (See Appendix A).

1.2 From cluster observables to halo masses

The evolution of the mass function of clusters can be used to place constraints on cosmological parameters (See Press and Schechter (1974), Viana and Liddle (1996), Linder and Jenkins (2003) and Sahlén et al. (2009) for theory and arguments.). However we cannot measure masses directly, instead masses have to be inferred from an observable. Here we will discuss how halo masses can be measured from cluster observables.

1.2.1 Cluster galactic component

For a bound system of particles, the virial theorem relates the potential energy (PE) to the kinetic energy (KE) as follows,

$$\langle PE \rangle / 2 = -\langle KE \rangle. \quad (1.11)$$

For a bound cluster of galaxies, its member galaxies would have a Gaussian velocity distribution. This distribution is often characterised by the dispersion of the velocities about the mean, as in equation 1.12:

$$\sigma_r = \langle (v_r - \langle v_r \rangle)^2 \rangle^{1/2} \quad (1.12)$$

where v_r is the radial velocity. With a measurement of the velocity dispersion (σ_r), it is possible, via the use of the virial theorem, to determine the mass of an isolated cluster.

$$M = \frac{R \langle v^2 \rangle}{G} \quad (1.13)$$

Where $\langle v^2 \rangle = 3\sigma_r^2$, and R is the radius enclosing mass M .

Zwicky (1933, 1937) was first to measure the velocity dispersion and mass of a cluster in such a way. Zwicky's study of the Coma cluster yielded $\sigma_r \sim 700 \text{ km s}^{-1}$, inferring a mass far in excess of the observed mass seen in stars. A similar study (Smith, 1936) showed that the same was true of the Virgo cluster. This mass excess in clusters was the

earliest evidence suggesting the existence of dark matter. Dark matter in clusters has more recently been confirmed by mass estimates from weak lensing (see Bartelmann and Schneider (2001) for a review).

King (1962) demonstrated that under the assumptions of a cluster being spherically symmetric, isothermal, isolated, and in equilibrium, the galaxy density in clusters is well fit to a profile of the form:

$$n(r) = n_0 \left[1 + \left(\frac{r}{r_c} \right)^2 \right]^{-3/2} \quad (1.14)$$

where n_0 is the central number density (i.e at $r = 0$), and r_c is the core radius.

1.2.2 Cluster gas component

A simple and popular gas model proposed by Cavaliere and Fusco-Femiano (1976) is one of an isothermal gas, in the same potential as the galaxies in Equation 1.14. This is the known as the isothermal β model. The gas density is given by:

$$\rho(r) = \rho_0 \left[1 + \left(\frac{r}{r_c} \right)^2 \right]^{-3\beta/2} \quad (1.15)$$

where

$$\beta \equiv \frac{\mu m_p \sigma_r^2}{kT} \quad (1.16)$$

where m_p is the proton mass, and μ is the mean molecular weight ($\mu = 0.6$ for typical Intracluster Medium (ICM) predominantly comprised of hydrogen), k is the Boltzmann constant, and T is the Temperature.

The X-ray surface brightness is given in Equation 1.17 (eg. Sarazin and Bahcall (1977), Gorenstein et al. (1978)),

$$S(r) \propto \left[1 + \left(\frac{r}{r_c} \right)^2 \right]^{-3\beta+1/2}. \quad (1.17)$$

The gas trapped in the potential well of a halo could reasonably be expected to be in thermal equilibrium with the galaxies, $\beta = 1$. Equation 1.16 then gives us a relation for the gas temperature, which is proportional to the depth of the potential well (Equation 1.18). Therefore, based on these assumptions, a temperature measurement will in turn lead to a mass measurement (Equation 1.19). (Note that β is actually measured to be $\neq 1$, see Section 1.3.2)

$$kT = \mu m_p \sigma_r^2 \quad (1.18)$$

$$M = \frac{3RkT}{G\mu m_p} \quad (1.19)$$

1.2.3 From self-similarity to cluster scaling relations

A typical cluster will have a gas temperature of $\sim 10^8 K$ or $0.5 - 15 \text{keV}$. At temperatures of $kT \geq 2 \text{keV}$ Hydrogen and Helium are fully ionized, causing the intracluster medium (ICM) to be largely a hot plasma of free ions. The principal mechanism for emission from this type of system is in the X-ray wavebands via thermal Bremsstrahlung or ‘braking’ radiation, the emissivity of which can be quoted as:

$$\epsilon \propto g(\nu, T) T^{1/2} n_e^2 e^{-h\nu/kT} \quad (1.20)$$

where the Gaunt factor $g(\nu, T) \sim 1 + \log(kT/h\nu)$.

As can be seen from equation 1.20, the emission from the ICM scales as density squared (n_e^2) making the measurement of this emission a very powerful tool for probing the 3 dimensional structure of clusters. The X-ray luminosity L of a cluster is given by Equation 1.21.

$$L = \int n_e^2 \Lambda(T) dV \quad (1.21)$$

Where $\Lambda(T)$ is the so-called cooling function. If the emission is purely Bremsstrahlung then $\Lambda(T) \propto T^{1/2}$.

Under the assumption that the thermodynamics of the ICM are determined by gravity only, Kaiser (1986) showed that all virialised clusters will be scalable or self-similar. Meaning that there are scaling relations between cluster properties (M, L, T), that will be true regardless of the mass of the system (See Equations 1.22 and 1.23).

$$T \propto M^{2/3} (1+z)^{2/3} \quad (1.22)$$

$$L \propto M^{4/3} (1+z)^{7/2} \propto T^2 (1+z)^{3/2} \quad (1.23)$$

If these relations hold true, then it would be easy to make a measurement of either L or T and directly infer the halo mass.

1.3 Observational Framework

Observationally clusters are not all spherically symmetric and isothermal, but have a wide range of morphological and physical properties. They do exhibit some of the behaviour discussed in the previous section, but they do not exactly follow the predicted relations (Equations 1.15, 1.17, 1.22 and 1.23). In this section we will discuss the properties of the observed cluster population and see how this differs from the theoretical picture laid out in Section 1.2.

1.3.1 β model: success

As the X-ray emission is very sensitive to changes in the gas density it is relatively easy to derive the gas distribution from a surface brightness profile. Studies of this type have shown that in the outer regions of a cluster the density profiles are reasonably fitted by a β model (Equation 1.15) with $\beta = 2/3$ and $r_c \sim 0.12R_{200}$ (Arnaud et al., 2002). In Figure 1.4 are density and emission measure profiles for clusters from the REXCESS survey (Croston et al. (2008), Pratt et al. (2008)), the profiles in the figure show very similar behaviour outside of the core regions.

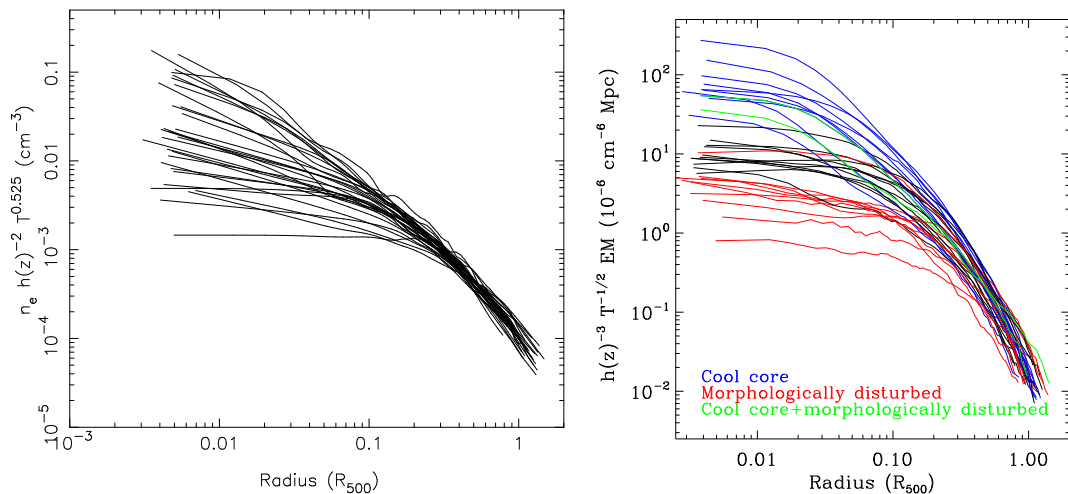


Figure 1.4: Left) Figure 1d from Croston et al. (2008), Gas density profiles for the REXCESS sample, profiles of density scaled for redshift evolution and according to $T^{0.525}$ as implied by modified self-similar S-T scaling. Right) Figure 1c from Pratt et al. (2008), “Emission measure profiles of the REXCESS sample, scaled according to the standard dependence on temperature and expected evolution with redshift. Systems classified as cool core and as morphologically disturbed are indicated.”

The simplicity of the β model, and general agreement with a large number of cluster observations, has caused this model to remain popular despite the problems discussed in Section 1.3.2.

1.3.2 β model: departures

Comparisons of optical and X-ray observations of clusters of galaxies led to the so-called ‘ β discrepancy’. The standard hydrostatic-isothermal model for clusters predicts that the parameter $\beta_v = \sigma_r^2 / (kT / \mu m_p)$, which describes the ratio of energy per unit mass in galaxies to that in the gas, should equal the parameter β_{fit} where $\rho_{gas}(r) \propto \rho_{gal}^{\beta_{fit}}$ determined from the X-ray surface brightness distribution. The observations suggest an apparent discrepancy : $\beta_v \sim 1.2$ (i.e. the galaxies are hotter than the gas) while $\beta_{fit} \sim 0.65$ (i.e. the gas is hotter and more extended than the galaxies). It has been shown however that this discrepancy may disappear if the assumption that the galaxies follow a King profile is dropped (Bahcall and Lubin, 1994).

As well as showing the self-similarity in the outer regions of cluster profiles, Figure 1.4 also highlights that this is not the case in the inner regions. Some clusters exhibit cores of near constant density, and surface brightness profiles that show a similar flattening, others have density and surface brightness profiles that continue rising well into the core, this variation is attributed to variations in amount of cooling of the core gas, resulting in the clusters being called non-cool-core and cool-core respectively.

1.3.3 Self-similarity: success

As predicted by the self-similar theory, clusters of galaxies do not occupy all areas in the $L - T$ and $M - T$ planes, there are strong correlations between the parameters. Figure 1.5 shows $L - T$ and L-M relations as measured by Pratt et al. (2008). It is clear that scaling relations between the parameters do exist.

The fact that there are indeed scaling relations between observables and mass, means that surveys like XCS will be useful for cosmology.

1.3.4 Self-similarity: departures

The measured scaling relations between cluster properties do not follow the predicted relations (Equations 1.22 and 1.23), the slope in the $L - T$ and $M - T$ relations are steeper than self-similar, see Table 1.1.

These departures from the self-similar scaling are even more pronounced in lower mass systems. Studies of galaxy groups ($T \sim 1\text{keV}$) show that groups have significantly different scaling trends than clusters. In particular groups are seen to have lower β values, i.e flatter surface brightness profiles, and much steeper scaling between $L - T$, with measured slopes of ~ 5 (e.g, see Helsdon and Ponman (2000), Davé et al. (2002)).

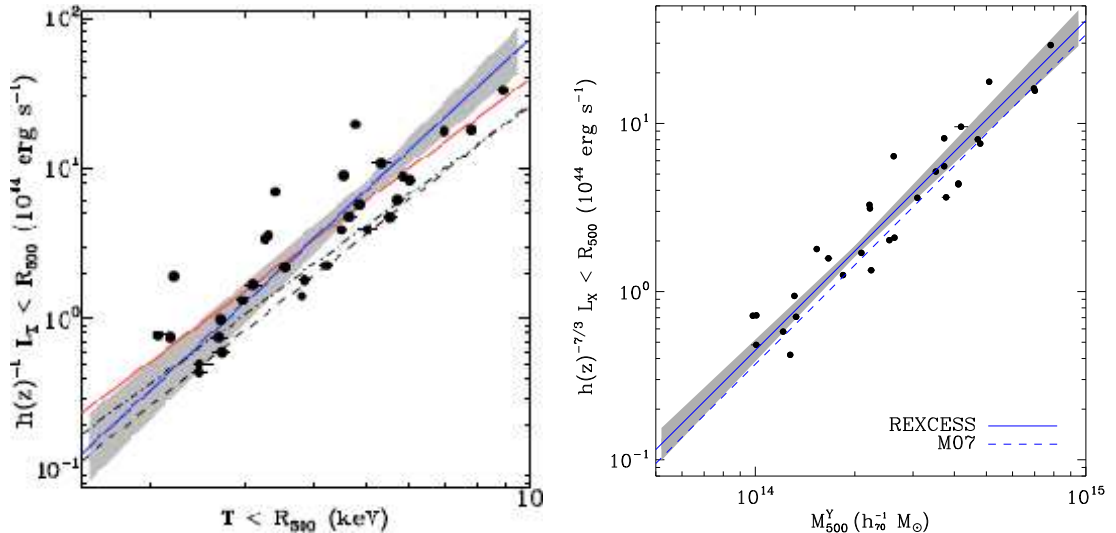


Figure 1.5: Figures 2a and 6a from Pratt et al. (2008). Left) “The $L - T$ relation for the REXCESS sample (quantities derived from all emission interior to R_{500}). The error bars are smaller than the points in many cases. The best fitting power law relation derived from the BCES $(Y-X)$ (red line) and BCES orthogonal (blue line) are overplotted; the shaded region corresponds to the 1σ uncertainty on the latter. The dashed and dot-dashed lines are the relations of Arnaud & Evrard (1999) and Markevitch (1998), respectively.” Right) “The $L - M_{500}$ relation for the REXCESS sample, with the mass estimated from the $Y_X - M$ relation of Arnaud et al. (2007). Relation for all emission interior to R_{500} .”

In order to understand the physical origin of the deviation from the self-similar model it is more useful to consider the gas entropy rather than its density. In X-ray studies of galaxy clusters the term entropy is often used to describe a characteristic property of the ICM that is related to the true entropy, we define it here in Equation 1.24.

$$S = kT/n_e^{2/3} \quad (1.24)$$

The shape of a clusters potential well and the entropy profile of the gas fully define the X-ray properties of a relaxed cluster. Ponman et al. (1999) demonstrated that the entropy measured at $0.1r_{\text{virial}}$ is greater than the level that can be generated through gravitational heating alone (See Figure 1.6), we shall discuss some of the possible causes of this increase in entropy in Section 1.3.5.

1.3.5 Self-similarity departures: Understanding through simulations

Understanding this departure from self similarity has become an area where numerical simulations can play a major role. Hydrodynamical simulations have shown that in the absence of complex heating and cooling mechanisms, the self similar predictions are well recovered (Navarro et al. (1995), Eke et al. (1998)). The inclusion of additional physics has been shown to break this self-similarity and recover scaling relations that are much

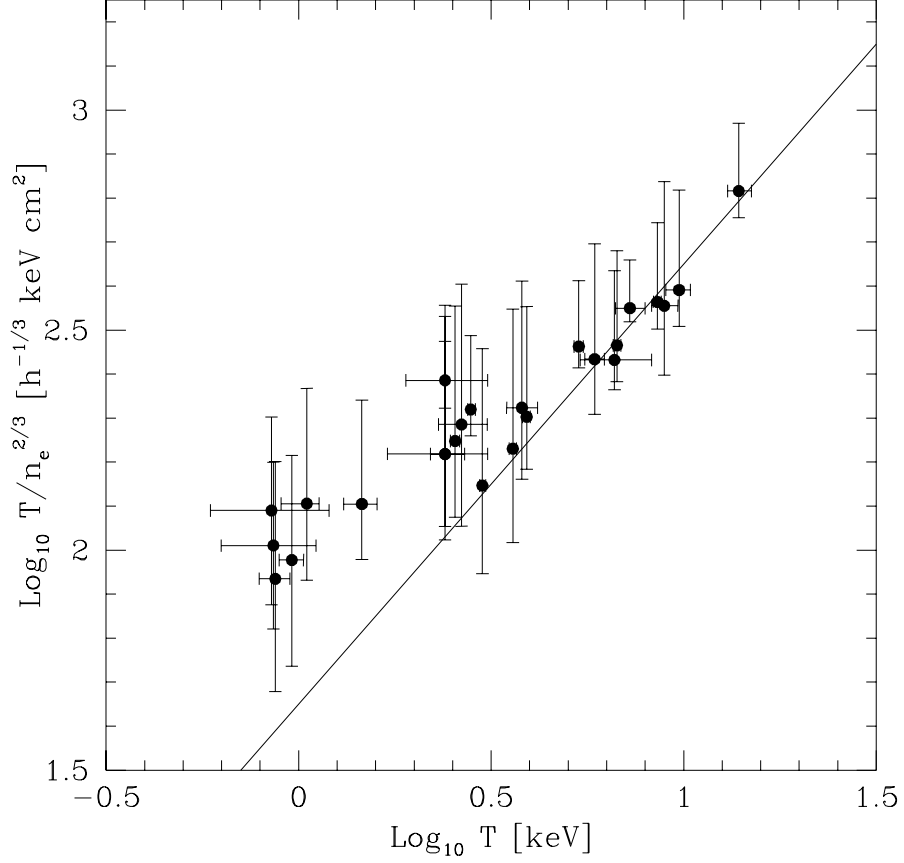


Figure 1.6: Figure 2 and caption from Ponman et al. (1999). “The gas ‘entropy’ (defined as $S = T/n_e^{2/3}$, where T is the mean temperature and n_e is the electron number density) at a fiducial radius $r = 0.1r_v$ is shown as a function of temperature for the 25 systems in our sample. Entropies are computed by fitting isothermal- β models to the surface brightness profiles shown in Figure 1.” [NB. Figure 1 not shown here]. “Error bars indicate 90% confidence levels in temperature, and span the variation in entropy from 0.05 to $0.2r_v$. The solid line shows the similarity relation obtained from numerical simulations including non-radiative gas dynamics, $S(0.1r_v) \sim 45(T/\text{keV})(f_{\text{gas}}/0.06)^{-2/3}h^{-4/3} \text{ keV cm}^2$, where Hubble’s constant is $H_0 = 100 h \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$. The numerical results depend only weakly on the assumed cosmological model, and provide a very good match to the central entropy of hot ($T > 4 \text{ keV}$) systems for $f_{\text{gas}} \sim 0.06h^{-3/2}$. However, poor clusters and groups have apparently been heated to higher entropy than achievable through gravitational collapse.”

<i>Sample</i>	<i>Slope</i>
Markevitch, 1998	2.64 ± 0.27
Arnaud & Evrard, 1999	2.88 ± 0.15
Pratt et al, 2008	2.73 ± 0.23
<i>Sample</i>	<i>Slope</i>
Finoguenov et al, (2001)	1.89 ± 0.15
Sanderson et al, (2003)	1.84 ± 0.06
Vikhlinin et al, (2006)	1.58 ± 0.11

Table 1.1: Top) $L - T$ slopes from the literature (Self-similar theory predicts a slope of 2). Bottom) $M - T$ slopes from the literature (Self-similar theory predicts a slope of 1.5). Note that the Vikhlinin et al, (2006) value is measured with cores excised.

nearer to the observed population. In particular Ponman et al. (1999) and Kaiser (1991) have shown that much of the effect is due to an excess of entropy in the core.

A few popular mechanisms for raising the entropy of the core gas via heating and/or cooling are discussed below:

Radiative Cooling

If a model of the intra-cluster medium contains a cooling mechanism, one may expect the entropy of the gas to decrease. However, cooling mechanisms have been suggested that may produce large constant-density gas cores, raising the entropy of the gas in the centre of the cluster.

Thomas and Couchman (1992), suggested that radiative cooling removes the lowest entropy gas, causing a loss of pressure support, this in turn causes the remaining gas of higher entropy to flow in from more external regions to form a core. Early studies into this effect (Katz and White (1993), Lewis et al. (2000)) were able to produce synthetic clusters that, in terms of their luminosity and temperature, more closely resemble those we observe. However in this regime there is nothing to prevent excessive overcooling of the gas, resulting in 40 – 50% of the baryons in the cluster forming stars, thus causing large amounts of cool gas to condense onto enormously bright central galaxies (Suginohara and Ostriker, 1998). This is a picture not supported observationally, where we see only $\sim 10\%$ of the baryons in stars (e.g Balogh et al. (2001)). This cooling mechanism was examined further by Pearce et al. (2000), using a more sophisticated multiphase gas model and artificially limiting the amount of gas that is allowed to cool, thus preventing large, bright cooling flows. They found the predicted entropy rise in the core, lowering the overall density; however this did not produce a constant density core as expected. The general effect of their cooling model is to increase the temperature and lower the luminosity of the gas, returning an $L - T$ relation more like the self-similar model, thus returning to the same problem (of not matching the simulations to the observations) as before cooling

was incorporated. In small halos radiative cooling is very efficient as the cooling time is less than the dynamical time (White and Rees, 1978). Pearce et al. (2000) discuss that the lowering of the luminosity will therefore be much more dominant in low mass systems, concluding that in a larger simulation, with a wider mass range, the overall effect will be a steepening of the $L - T$ relation. Models of this type have more recently been shown to be able to recover the $z = 0$ scaling relations (e.g Muanwong et al. (2002)).

Pre-heating

A period of energy injection prior to cluster formation has been suggested to break self-similarity without causing over-cooling. Pre-heating usually involves a uniform heating of the gas at a redshift of 4 or 5, this is scaled to an amount that correctly recreates the observed $z = 0$ scaling. (Kaiser (1991), Ponman et al. (1999)). This pre-heating scheme still lacks a clear physical origin; many authors have tried to attribute the heating to early supernovae. Studies of the entropy available from supernovae, Wu et al. (2000), and Kravtsov and Yepes (2000), have shown that this is unlikely, as the number of supernovae and the heating efficiency required are quite extreme. A more satisfactory, highly energetic process that could cause this pre-heating has yet to be found.

Feedback

A more realistic picture that may be able to explain the observed properties of clusters is a class of model known as feedback models. The regions of dense cold gas in the core regions of a cluster can reasonably be expected to collapse and form stars (Katz (1992), Navarro and White (1994)). This star formation ultimately leads to supernova explosions, thus feeding energy back into the interstellar medium. Although this alone may not provide enough energy, when coupled with AGN feedback this will act to increase the entropy of the gas, preventing it from settling in the centre of the halo. Many models in the literature generally mimic feedback by artificially injecting energy into the densest regions of the IGM (e.g Kay et al. (2004)). The models can also reproduce the observed departure from self similarity. A recent set of simulations (Puchwein et al., 2008) have investigated the feedback associated with AGN and black hole growth in a more detailed and realistic way than previous studies, and included its effects within a cooling model. The simulations show that feedback from AGN may be a good candidate for bringing theoretical studies into agreement with the observations without resorting to preheating.

These three different possible solutions (Radiative Cooling, Pre-heating, Feedback) to the observed non-self-similarity present us with a problem, i.e which of them is correct? It is more likely that it is a combination of the above processes that produce the observed properties. In order to make progress it is desirable to be able to make some testable predictions about the effects of each of these processes. For example Muanwong et al. (2006) have used three different cosmological hydrodynamical simulations, each with a different model for the gas physics (Radiative, Preheating and Feedback), all of which are able to reproduce the observed local $L - T$ relation. Each of the models do however show very different evolution in the $L - T$ relation. Looking at the $L - T$ relation in the form

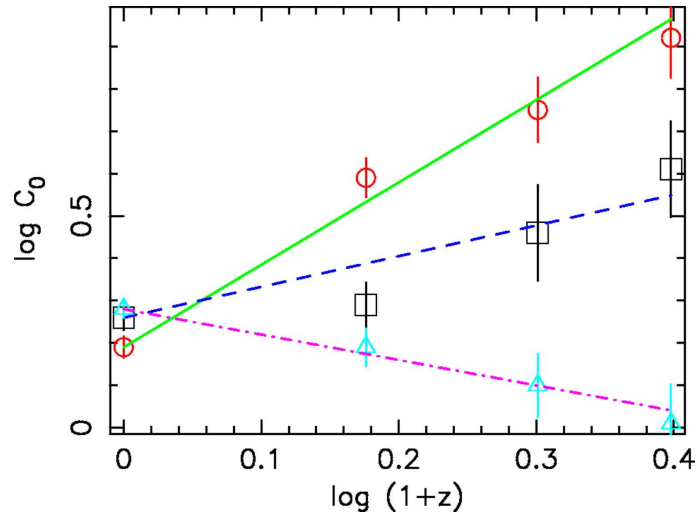


Figure 1.7: figure 8 from Muanwong et al, 2006: The normalisation of the $L_X - T$ relation as a function of redshift, for clusters in the Radiative (solid line), Preheating (dashed) and Feedback (dot-dashed) simulations.

of equation(1.25)

$$\log C_0 = \log L_0 + A \log(1+z) \quad (1.25)$$

(where C_0 is the normalisation, L_0 is the best fit Luminosity at $z = 0$, $T = 1\text{keV}$, and A describes the redshift evolution of the relation) the simulations give A values of 1.9, 0.7 and -0.6 respectively (See Figure 1.7). All of which differ from the self similar value of $A = 1.5$.

The difference in evolution between these models allows a potential way of discriminating for or against a model. Muanwong et al. (2006) tentatively suggest that a comparison with observations indicates that their feedback model is generating too much entropy at $z < 1.5$, and that the bulk of heating must have occurred at higher redshift.

The predictions from simulations are becoming more sophisticated all the time (e.g Short and Thomas (2009)). Another major goal of XCS is to measure $L - T$ as a function of lookback time, and to help constrain some of the rival theories.

1.4 Motivation for the XMM Cluster Survey

Clusters of galaxies are very interesting objects. The physics that determine their properties is not yet fully understood, and increasing this understanding is reason enough to want to study them further. However they also can be used for cosmology. Constraining cosmological parameters via the cluster abundance is reliant on both well understood scaling relations, and having a large cluster sample over a range of masses and redshifts. A real key to cluster studies is having a good understanding of any biases in the selection processes. To do cosmology, the completeness of a catalogue must be known. To meas-

ure accurate scaling relations, particularly their evolution, the detection dependences on L, T, z and morphology must be understood. With these things in mind many authors have sought to build better catalogues, some of which will be discussed in this section.

1.4.1 Optical cluster surveys

The Abell catalogue contains ~ 4000 clusters identified by visual inspection of photographic plates. The original catalogue of clusters in the northern hemisphere was published in 1958 (Abell, 1958). The extended catalogue, including clusters in the southern hemisphere, was published posthumously in 1989 (Abell et al., 1989). The clusters identified by Abell are still being studied, with work based on them being published ~ 50 years after the release of the first catalogue. Optical cluster identification is now automated, with many different methods and algorithms being implemented. The most successful use a combination of finding spatial clustering, and looking for correlations in galaxy properties (often colour), e.g. The Red-sequence Cluster Survey (RCS) (Gladders and Yee (2005); 429 clusters between $0.0 < z < 1.5$ in an initial 10 deg^2), The C4 Cluster catalogue (Miller et al. (2005); 748 $M > 10^{14} M_\odot$ clusters between $0.02 < z < 0.17$ in 2600 deg^2), MaxBCG (Koester et al. (2007); 13823 $M > 10^{14} M_\odot$ clusters between $0.1 < z < 0.3$ in 7500 deg^2). The use of additional information along with spatial correlations is vital to help reduce the effect of superpositions, and fluctuations in the background field of galaxies.

These optical catalogues can also be used to constrain cosmology via the cluster abundance, with the calibration of the mass estimates coming from either weak lensing or X-ray follow-up. For example, a joint analysis of the MaxBCG catalogue with WMAP five year data produces the following : $\sigma_8 = 0.807 \pm 0.020$ and $\Omega_m = 0.265 \pm 0.016$ (Rozo et al., 2009).

1.4.2 X-ray cluster surveys I (before XMM/Chandra)

There are numerous X-ray cluster surveys in the literature. Here we will give a very brief summary of some of the surveys carried out before the launch of XMM and Chandra.

The Einstein-Observatory Extended Medium-Sensitivity Survey (EMSS) (Gioia et al., 1990) serendipitously detected 98 clusters in 778 deg^2 in a $0.3 - 3.5 \text{ keV}$ band, about 40% of which were at $z > 0.2$ and were previously unknown. Although known clusters had been detected in X-ray bands before, work with Einstein highlighted the relative ease with which clusters could be serendipitously detected with X-ray instruments.

The ROSAT Brightest Cluster Sample (BCS) (Ebeling et al., 1998) is a sample of the 201 X-ray-brightest clusters of galaxies ($\text{dec} > 0$, $|b| > 20^\circ$), at $z \leq 0.3$ with fluxes higher than $4.4 \times 10^{-12} \text{ erg cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ in the $0.1 - 2.4 \text{ keV}$ band. Selected from the ROSAT All Sky Survey (RASS) the BCS was the largest X-ray selected cluster sample compiled at the

time.

The ROSAT-ESO Flux-Limited X-ray (REFLEX) (Böhringer et al., 2001) cluster sample was also produced from the RASS. It has a flux limit of $3 \times 10^{-12} \text{ erg s}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-2}$ in the $0.1 - 2.4 \text{ keV}$ band and comprises 452 clusters at $z \leq 0.3$. The selection function of the survey gave an understanding of the catalogue completeness ($\sim 90\%$), enabling its use for cosmology, resulting in constraints of $\Omega_m = 0.16 \pm 0.06$ $\sigma_8 = 1.2 \pm 0.3$.

The ROSAT Deep Cluster Survey (RDCS) (Rosati, 1998) is, in contrast to the majority of ROSAT surveys, comprised of only the deepest observations in the pointing archive. The RDCS covered $\sim 50 \text{ deg}^2$. About 100 clusters were detected and confirmed, $\sim 25\%$ of which are at $z > 0.5$. The large redshift range of the sample enabled a study of evolution in the cluster population via the X-ray luminosity function (XLF). Rosati (1998) demonstrate that the RDCS sample, in comparison with the EMSS, shows no significant evolution in the XLF at $z \leq 0.8$.

Two more pre-XMM surveys of particular relevance are the 400 Square Degrees ROSAT PSPC Galaxy Cluster Survey (Burenin et al., 2007) and The Bright Serendipitous High-redshift Archival ROSAT Cluster survey (Bright SHARC) (Romer et al., 2000). Like RDCS both used the ROSAT pointing archives to find serendipitous detections of clusters. Due to their similarities with XCS and detailed selection function work they are discussed in more detail in Chapter 5.

In summary, ROSAT surveys covering more than 10^4 deg^2 have yielded over 1000 clusters, out to redshift $z \sim 0.5$ (RASS), or $z \sim 1.0$ (pointed archives). A large fraction of these were new discoveries, although about a third were previously identified as clusters in the Abell or Zwicky catalogues. The ability to determine the selection function for a number of these surveys, and the presence of good optical follow-up, have led to investigations of individual clusters, scaling relations, and cosmological studies.

1.4.3 X-ray cluster surveys II (after XMM/Chandra)

The majority of cluster surveys being undertaken with the current generation of X-ray satellites (XMM and Chandra) are using the new, higher quality instruments to follow-up clusters detected with ROSAT. The Representative XMM Cluster Structure Survey (REXCESS) (Böhringer et al., 2007), is based on the REFLEX sample, the largest statistically understood sample of clusters available at the time. Böhringer et al. (2007) use the higher sensitivity and spectroscopic ability of XMM to study 31 of the REFLEX clusters in more detail, this has led to a greater understanding of cluster structure, scaling relations, and provides a low-redshift benchmark with which to study cluster evolution.

The Chandra Cluster Cosmology project (Vikhlinin et al., 2009) is based on a complete

high-redshift subsample of the 400 Square Degree clusters, 37 objects at $z = 0.35 - 0.9$ with $\langle z \rangle = 0.55$. These clusters have been re-observed with Chandra to provide more accurate mass measurements, particularly at higher redshift, for use in measuring the evolution in the cluster mass function. In conjunction with 49 $z \sim 0.05$ clusters from the ROSAT All Sky Survey, the WMAP five year data, and BAO and SN data, Vikhlinin et al. (2009) measure $\Omega_m = 0.225 \pm 0.043$. Depending on the assumptions used, Vikhlinin et al. (2009) also find $\Omega_\Lambda = 0.83 \pm 0.15$ in non-flat Λ CDM or $w_0 = -1.14 \pm 0.21$ in a flat universe.

There are very few surveys in the literature using XMM and Chandra for serendipitous cluster searching. The XMM-LSS (Pacaud et al., 2007) is a serendipitous survey of an 8×8 deg² contiguous region. The depth of these pointings results in a flux limit of $\sim 5 \times 10^{-15}$ erg cm⁻² s⁻¹ in the 0.5-2 keV band. The processing of the first 5 deg² of data produced a sample of ~ 30 clusters. The XMM-Newton Distant Cluster Project (Lamer et al., 2006) are using XMM archival data with exposure times > 20 ks for cluster searching, with the aim of increasing the known population at $z > 1$, this has led to the discovery of one of the most distant clusters known to date (Mullis et al., 2005).

There is clearly a need for a survey to complement these existing studies. The surveys discussed tend to fall into two categories: large-area low-redshift, or small-area high-redshift. In order to study evolutionary effects (e.g. for the mass function, or scaling relations) it is necessary to cover a wide range of redshifts, which often means comparing two or more different samples. This can be difficult, as each will have its own biases, and only some have detailed selection functions. The data in the XMM archive will allow a serendipitous survey to fully cover the redshift range already sampled (and even extend it), and do so in a homogenous manner in order to provide a large cluster sample with which to study many areas of cluster science. This is the gap in the field that the XCS (Romer et al. (2001), see Chapter 3) aims to fill (See Figure 1.8).

1.5 Overview of the rest of the thesis

The rest of this thesis concentrates on the XMM Cluster Survey (XCS). Chapter 2 will give an overview of XMM-Newton, the instrument used by XCS. Chapter 3 reviews the XCS survey, and introduces the candidate and confirmed cluster samples being produced. Chapter 4 presents an entirely new cluster candidate sample, some of which has already had redshifts determined by the collaboration. Chapter 5 presents the XCS selection function as applied in Sahlén et al. (2009), and tests the assumptions made therein. Chapter 6 compares the Chapter 5 selection function to one determined using profiles from Cosmological Hydrodynamical simulations. The use of these simulated clusters also enable us to determine the selection function dependencies on more realistic cluster properties, such as cool cores and substructure.

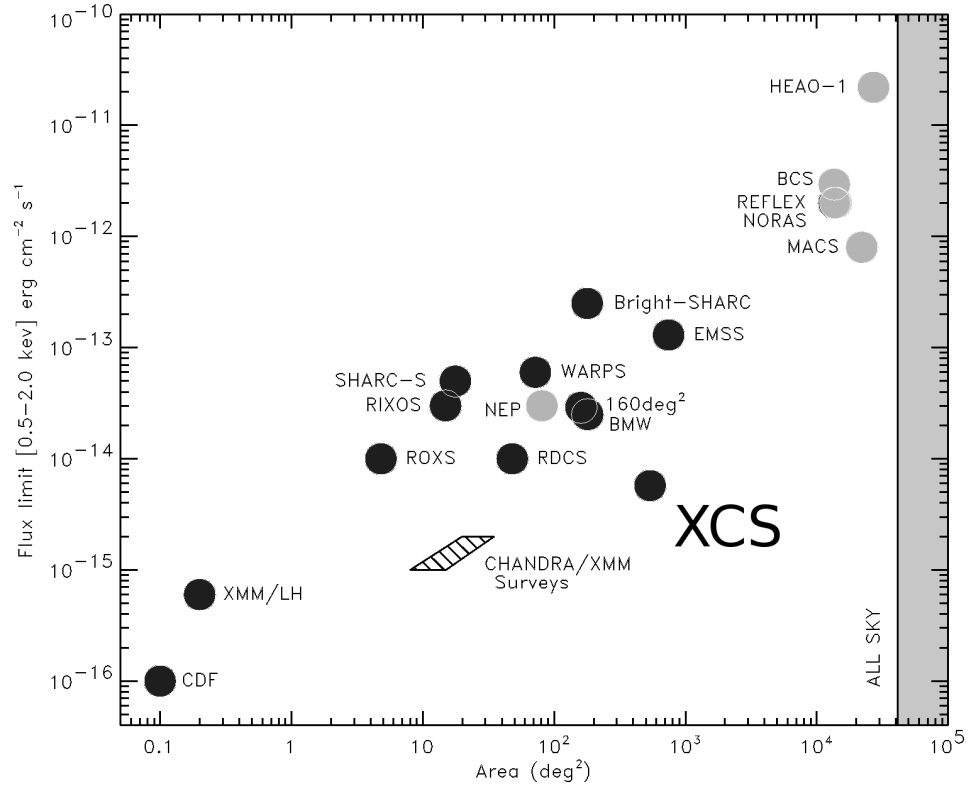


Figure 1.8: Figure 1.3 from Davidson (2005), adapted from Rosati et al. (2002). A flux vs area summary of pre 2002 serendipitous and pointed X-ray cluster surveys (dark and light circles respectively). The likely position for XCS, when it is complete, is also shown.

Chapter 2

XMM-Newton

This chapter will give an introduction to the X-ray Multi-Mirror (XMM) Newton observatory satellite. This is a review chapter, with figures drawn from the XMM users handbook, with the exception of Figure 2.4 which was generated by the author.

XMM-Newton is the second of ESA's four cornerstone missions defined in the Horizon 2000 Programme. It was launched on December 10th, 1999 and carries two distinct types of telescope: three Wolter type-1 X-ray telescopes, with different X-ray detectors in their foci, and a 30-cm optical/UV telescope with a pre-amplified CCD detector in its focal plane. The three main types of science instrument onboard are as follows:

- European Photon Imaging Camera (EPIC): 3 CCD cameras for X-ray imaging, moderate resolution spectroscopy, and X-ray photometry; there are two different types of EPIC camera, MOS and pn. XMM-Newton carries 2 MOS cameras and one pn.
- Reflection Grating Spectrometer (RGS): 2 essentially identical spectrometers for high-resolution X-ray spectroscopy and spectro-photometry.
- Optical Monitor (OM): for optical/UV imaging and grism spectroscopy.

Unless prohibited for some unusual reason, all six of the science instruments on board operate simultaneously. However little more will be said of the optical monitor or RGS, as this thesis is primarily concerned with the images produced from the three X-ray cameras. The simultaneity of the data collection means that regardless of the pointing type, the EPIC cameras will be collecting serendipitous data. A pictorial representation of the satellite is given in Figure 2.1.

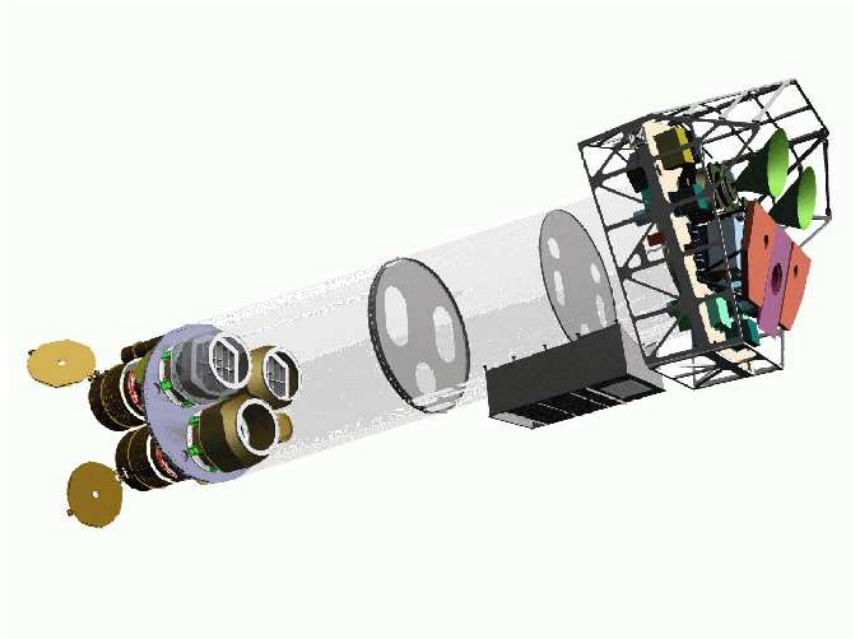


Figure 2.1: Caption and figure from the XMM users handbook, figure 1. “Sketch of the XMM-Newton payload. The mirror modules, two of which are equipped with Reflection Grating Arrays, are visible at the lower left. At the right end of the assembly, the focal X-ray instruments are shown: The EPIC MOS cameras with their radiators (black/green “horns”), the radiator of the EPIC pn camera (violet) and those of the (light blue) RGS detectors (in pink). The OM telescope is obscured by the lower mirror module. Figure courtesy of Dornier Satellitensysteme GmbH.”

2.1 X-ray Mirrors and Cameras

Due to the high energy of X-ray photons, it is difficult to use them for imaging. Their tendency to pass through material is well known and so they must be focused by grazing incidence reflection. The solution found to maximize the collecting area of the telescope was to use a set of 58 co-aligned concentric nested mirrors (See Figures 2.2 and 2.3). There are three such sets of mirrors, each of which has a focal length of 7.5m. Each mirror has a nickel substrate and a reflective gold coating to ensure efficient focussing of X-rays with energies up to 10 keV. The mirror nests were constructed and aligned with very high precision. However, the launch of the satellite caused a small amount of misalignment, which was expected. The three X-ray telescopes are co-aligned with a relative astrometry between the three EPIC cameras calibrated to better than 1-2" across the full FOV. The light paths of the telescopes can be seen in Figures 2.2 and 2.3, the two telescopes fitted with the MOS cameras have grating assemblies in their light paths, diffracting part of the incoming radiation onto their secondary focus.

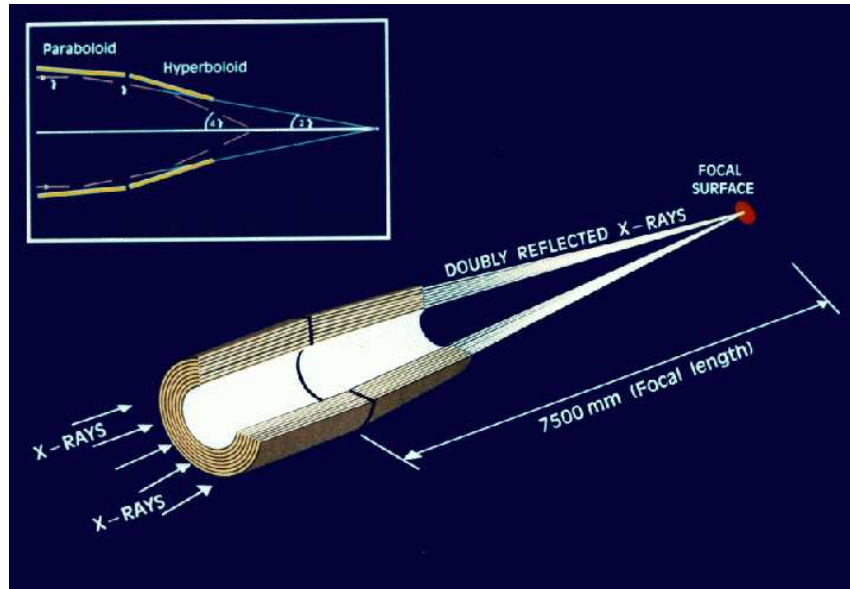


Figure 2.2: Caption and figure from the XMM users handbook, figure 2. “The light path in XMM-Newton’s open X-ray telescope with the pn camera in focus (not to scale).”

2.1.1 European Photon Imaging Camera (EPIC)

Two of XMM-Newton’s X-ray telescopes are equipped with EPIC MOS (Metal Oxide Semiconductor) CCD arrays rotated by 90° with respect to each other, the third carries a different CCD camera called EPIC pn. The two types of EPIC camera are fundamentally different, not only in their array geometry but other properties as well, e.g their readout times. The readout of the pn chips is much faster than that of the MOS cameras, because each pixel column has its own readout node. The MOS chip arrays consist of 7 individual

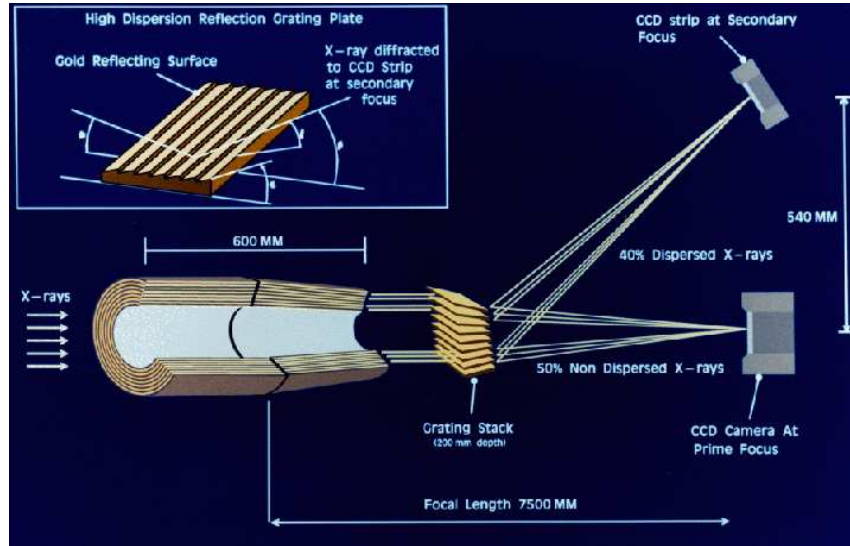


Figure 2.3: Caption and figure from the XMM users handbook, figure 3. “The light path in the two XMM-Newton telescopes with grating assemblies (not to scale). Note that the actual fraction of the non-intercepted light that passes to the primary MOS focus is 44%, while 40% of the incident light is intercepted by grating plates of the RGA.”

identical, front-illuminated chips, the pn camera is a single Silicon wafer with 12 rear-illuminated CCD chips integrated.

The three cameras can operate in a number of different science modes, examples of which can be seen in Figure 2.4. The outer 6 MOS CCD’s remain in standard imaging mode while the central MOS CCD can be operated separately. Shown within Figure 2.4 is an example of an exposure with MOS1 CCD6 switched off, this is due to an event on 09 March, 2005, during XMM-Newton revolution 961, registered in the focal plane of the EPIC MOS1 instrument. The characteristics of the event might be attributed to a micrometeorite impact scattering debris into the focal plane. The chip has not responded properly since, and at the time of writing remains switched off ¹.

2.2 Point Spread Function

Of crucial importance is an understanding of XMM’s ability to focus photons, this is defined by the Point Spread Function (PSF). The PSF details how the photons from a perfect point source are focused by the mirrors and registered on the CCDs. The shapes of the on-axis PSF of the XMM X-ray telescopes are shown in Figure 2.5. This on-axis PSF has a narrow core and varies little between 0.1 – 6keV, the azimuthally averaged MOS1 PSF is shown in Figure 2.6 with the best fit king-profile.

However the PSF has some off-axis angle dependence and becomes elongated at large

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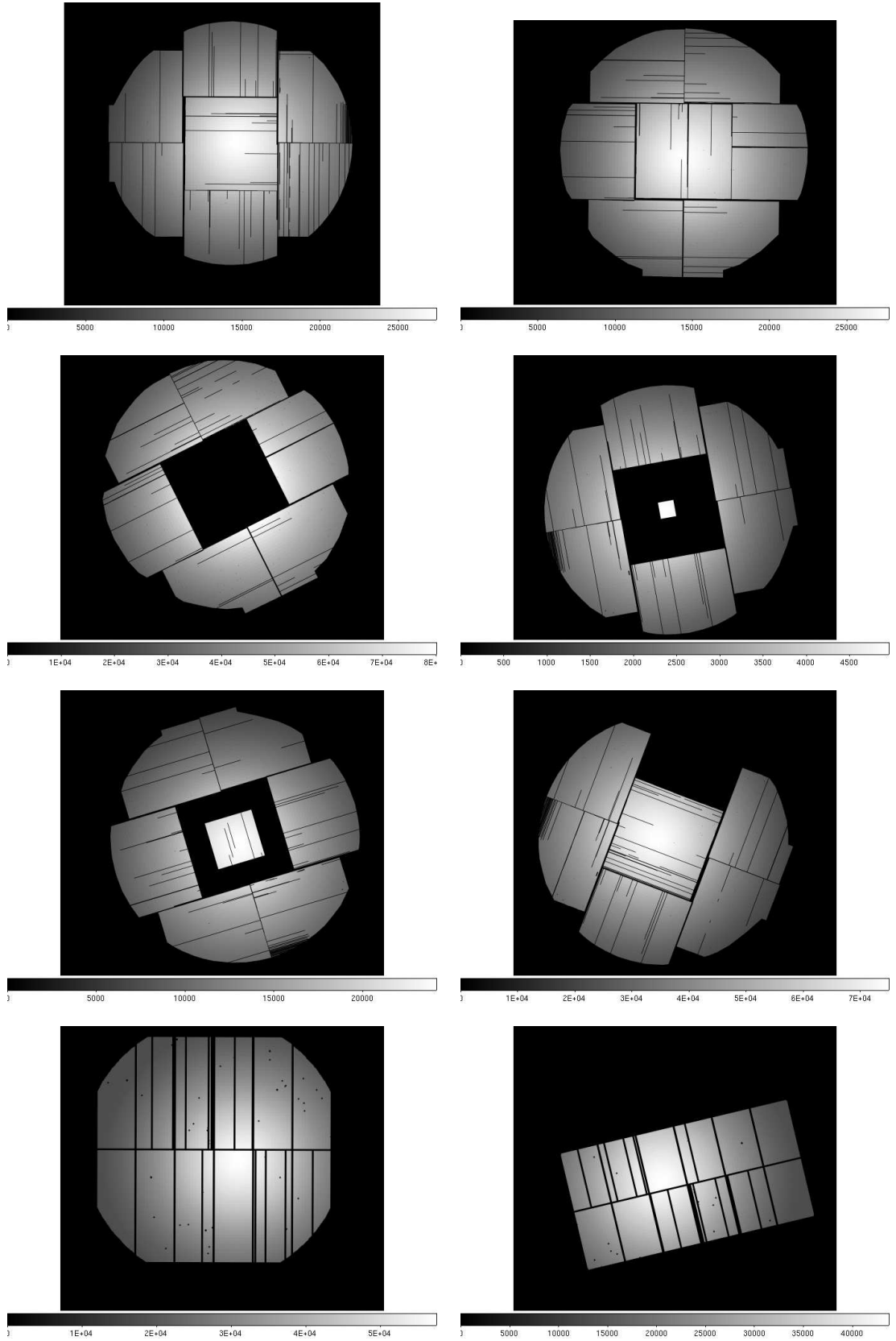


Figure 2.4: Typical sky footprints of differing observing modes. In order from top left: MOS1 full window mode, MOS2 full window mode, MOS fast uncompressed, MOS partial window W2 or W4 mode, MOS partial window W3 or W5 mode, MOS1 full window mode with CCD6 switched off, pn full window mode, pn large window mode.

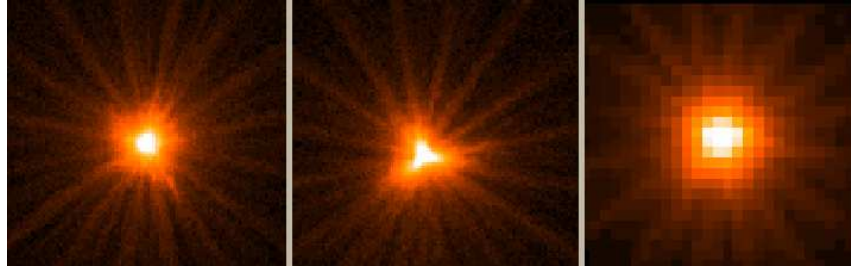


Figure 2.5: Caption and figure from the XMM users handbook, figure 4. “On axis point spread function of the MOS1, MOS2 and pn X-ray telescopes (left to right) registered on the same source with each MOS camera in Small Window Mode, and the pn camera in Large Window mode. The pixel size is 1.1 arcsec square for the MOS, and 4.1 arcsec square for the pn. The images are 110 arcsec wide. A square root scale has been used to visualise the wings of the point spread function. The core of the PSF is piled-up for this source, with a different factor for the MOS and the pn. The star-like pattern is created by the spider which supports the 58 co-axial Wolter I mirrors of the telescope. The shape of the point spread function core is slightly different for all cameras, with MOS2 having a somewhat more pronounced shape.”

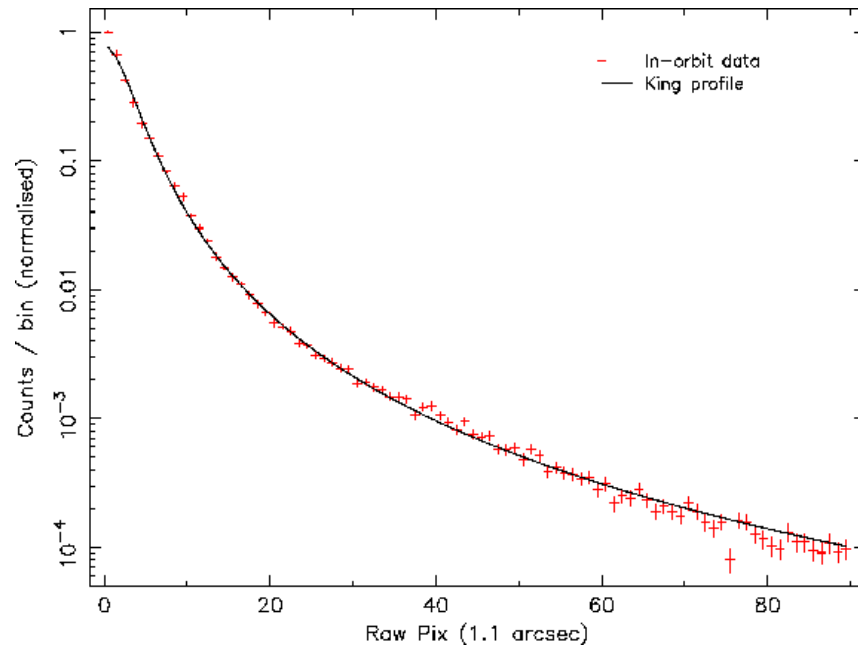


Figure 2.6: Caption and figure from the XMM users handbook, figure 5. “Radial count distribution for the on-axis PSF of the MOS1 X-ray telescope in the 0.75-2.25 keV energy range. A King profile (solid black line) best fit to the in-orbit measurement (red crosses) is shown for comparison.”

off-axis, to make matters more complicated the shape of the PSF is not azimuthally symmetric as seen in pre-launch tests (see Figure 2.7), in addition the PSF becomes more energy dependent at increasing off-axis angles.

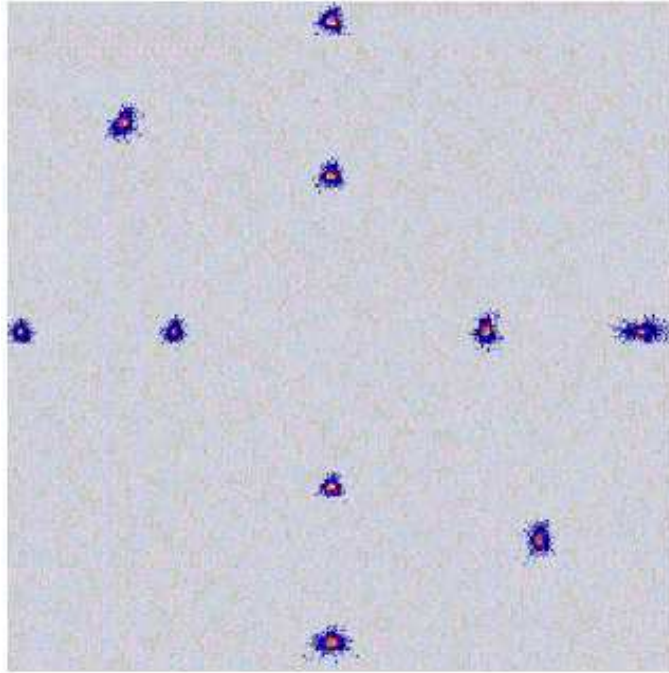


Figure 2.7: Pre-launch test showing the shape of the PSF across the field of view (at off-axis angles of $7'$ and $14'$), from the XMM Users Handbook.

2.2.1 Modelling the PSF

There are four main PSF models in the XMM calibration documents. These have their different merits, and are summarised here.

1. **Low Accuracy.** This model consists of a Gaussian, that is dependent on off-axis angle and energy. The simplicity of this model is appealing; however it fails to take into account the ellipticity of the off-axis PSF or its azimuthal variation.
2. **Medium Accuracy.** This model is based on a library of PSF images created through numerical simulations of the mirrors. For a given energy and off-axis angle an image can be produced by interpolation of the library images. In the Science Analysis System (SAS) task CALVIEW the model PSF for any azimuthal angle can be obtained. This however is just a rotated version of the library image at the same off-axis angle and so does not reproduce any azimuthal variation in structure. Also, at high off-axis angle there is evidence that the true PSF develops twin peaks with extensive wings, which is also not accounted for in the model (See Figure 2.8). This is the only two-dimensional PSF model available.

3. **High Accuracy.** This is an analytical model comprised of three Gaussian profiles combined in an attempt to model both the core and wings of the PSF. It has been superseded by the Extended Accuracy model.
4. **Extended Accuracy.** Through studying a sample of real detected point sources Ghizzardi (2001) parameterised the in-flight PSF for all three cameras. The model consists of an analytic King Model, plus background.

$$PSF = A \left[1 + \left(\frac{r}{r_c} \right)^2 \right]^{-\alpha} + B \quad (2.1)$$

where the core radius, r_c , slope, α , normalization, A , and a constant background, B , are all fitted for each camera as a function of off-axis angle. This provides a more reliable fit than a Gaussian to both the core and the wings, but despite this there are still some inadequacies of the model. The fits are limited to low energies ($\leq 5\text{keV}$) and low/moderate off-axis angles ($\leq 7'$). Also the fit is made to azimuthally averaged profiles, leading to a lack of structure and crucially ellipticity.

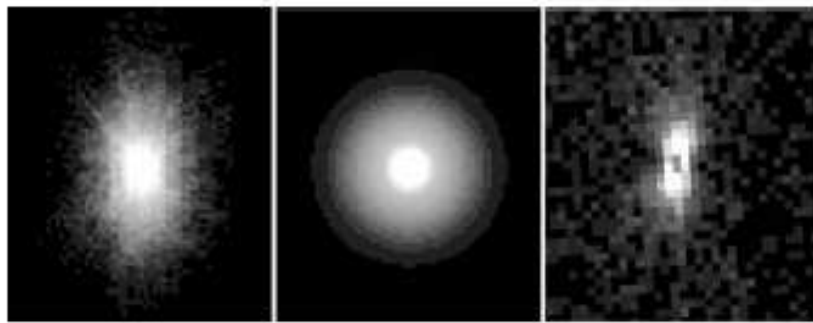


Figure 2.8: Figure 3.2: from Davidson (2005). Left) The model PSFs from CALVIEW for an off-axis angle of $10'$, azimuthal angle = 90° using the Medium accuracy model; middle) likewise for the Extended accuracy model; right) real twin-peaked source at an off-axis angle of $14'$.

2.3 Summary

A summary of the important characteristics of XMM is given in Table 2.1. The energy range of EPIC cameras is $0.15 - 12\text{ keV}$, with a Field of View of $30'$ diameter. The spatial resolution is determined by the size of the PSF, which has on-axis values of $5 - 6''$ (FWHM).

Instrument	EPIC MOS	EPIC pn	RGS
Bandpass	0.15 – 12 keV	0.15 – 15 keV	0.35 – 2.5 keV
Sensitivity* ($\text{erg s}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-2}$)	$\sim 10^{-14}$	$\sim 10^{-14}$	8×10^{-5}
Field of view (FOV)	30'	30'	$\sim 5'$
PSF (FWHM)	5''	6''	N/A
Pixel size	40 μm (1.1'')	150 μm (4.1'')	81 μm ($9 \times 10^{-3} A$)
Timing resolution	1.75ms	0.03 ms	0.6 s
Spectral resolution	$\sim 70 \text{ eV}$	$\sim 80 \text{ eV}$	0.04/0.025A

Table 2.1: A summary of the important characteristics of XMM. Table information from the XMM Users Handbook. * Sensitivity is quoted after 10ks of exposure.

Chapter 3

XCS and XCS DR1 & DR2

In this chapter we shall give an outline of the XMM Cluster Survey (XCS), including its current status and long-term science goals. This will include a review of previous published XCS papers and the PhD thesis of Michael Davidson (Davidson, 2005). Although most of this chapter is review, note that Figure 3.6 and the DR2 catalogue are the work of the author.

3.1 Survey overview, motivation and goals

The XMM Cluster Survey (XCS) (Romer et al., 2001) is a serendipitous X-ray galaxy cluster survey using data from the XMM archive. Since its launch in 1999, XMM-Newton has taken over 4000 observations covering more than 500 square degrees, and much of this data is publicly available. The main aim of XCS is to exploit this large archive for cluster searching, in order to provide a cluster catalogue suitable to study cosmology. To achieve the goal of constraining cosmological parameters the cluster catalogue must have the following attributes: the catalogue must cover a redshift range large enough to be able to measure evolution in the cluster number density; likewise the catalogue must contain enough clusters so that each redshift bin contains a significant number of objects; each object must have a known mass (measured via its X-ray temperature) and redshift; in addition the catalogue must be accompanied by a detailed selection function.

Alongside the main cosmology goal of XCS there are numerous other results that will come out of the project, many of which will in themselves be field-leading results. The final catalogue is expected to be an order of magnitude larger than any other homogenous sample so-far compiled, thus the $L-T$ relation from this sample will be able to place constraints on deviations from the self-similar model, and so assist in studies of non-gravitational heating (See Section 1.3.5). With its detailed selection function (Chapter 5) the XCS sample will also be a key tool for morphological studies. XCS expects to detect many clusters at

$z > 1.0$, XMMXCS J2215.9 – 1738 (hereafter XMMXCS J2215) for example remains the most distant spectroscopically confirmed X-ray selected cluster currently known, and so offers important information regarding star formation rates, galaxy morphology, and colour-magnitude relations (Hilton et al., 2009). In addition studies of BCGs in these high redshift clusters can place constraints on mass build-up and galaxy evolution (Collins et al., 2009). One of the by-products of the XCS cluster sample is a large point source catalogue, which is currently being exploited for finding X-ray spectra of SDSS Quasars, and also hunting for Isolated Neutron Stars.

The collaboration currently consists of 19 full members plus additional affiliates from a range of intitutions based in 5 different countries (see Table 3.1)

Name	Institution	Country
Chris Collins	Liverpool John Moores University	UK
Michael Davidson	Royal Observatory Edinburgh	UK
Matt Hilton	University of KwaZulu-Natal SAAO	South Africa
Mark Hosmer	University of Sussex	UK
Ben Hoyle	University of Portsmouth	UK
Scott Kay	University of Manchester	UK
Andrew Liddle	University of Sussex	UK
Ed Lloyd-Davies	University of Sussex	UK
Robert Mann	Royal Observatory Edinburgh	UK
Nicola Mehrtens	University of Sussex	UK
Chris Miller	Cerro-Tololo Inter-American Observatory NOAO	Chile
Robert Nichol	University of Portsmouth	UK
Kathy Romer (PI)	University of Sussex	UK
Kivanc Sabirli	University of Sussex	UK
Martin Sahlen	University of Sussex	UK
Adam Stanford	Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory	USA
John Stott	Liverpool John Moores University	UK
Pedro Viana	Universidade do Porto	Portugal
Mike West	European Southern Observatory	Chile

Table 3.1: The XCS collaboration

3.2 Review of published XCS papers

A serendipitous galaxy cluster survey with XMM: Expected cluster catalog properties and scientific applications (Romer et al., 2001).

Romer et al. (2001) predicted the properties of XCS based on simulations of cluster population models as a function of cosmology, the characteristics of the EPIC PN camera, and a generic model for cluster profiles. While XCS itself had not yet been built, and the XMM archive was still in its infancy, Romer et al. (2001) demonstrated how a serendipitous survey with archival XMM data had the potential to place strong constraints on Ω_0 and to a lesser extent Ω_Λ , while also producing a cluster catalogue, with luminosities and temperatures, that would be at least an order of magnitude larger than any other in the literature at the time.

Apparent and actual galaxy cluster temperatures (Liddle et al., 2001).

Liddle et al. (2001) investigate how far the XCS X-ray data alone could be exploited in terms of cosmology. The authors show that without redshifts, the apparent temperature function of clusters can be used to make constraints on a combination σ_8 of Ω_m , but to break the degeneracy redshift information is required. Liddle et al. (2001) investigate how well the redshifts can be estimated from the X-ray data, given enough counts this may be possible based upon the continuum emission or spectral features, however this will not be possible in the majority of cases, so the authors test some other estimators. A combination of X-ray flux with the apparent temperature may be able to provide redshifts, but only if the evolution in the $L - T$ relation is well understood. They conclude stressing the need for redshift measurements, and indicate the use of optical data to meet this need.

The XMM Cluster Survey: A massive galaxy cluster at $z = 1.45$ (Stanford et al., 2006).

Stanford et al. (2006) report the discovery of XMMXCS J2215, a massive galaxy cluster found as part of XCS. Optical spectroscopy shows that six galaxies within a $60''$ diameter region lie at $z = 1.45 \pm 0.01$, making this the most distant X-ray spectroscopically confirmed cluster. Model fits to the X-ray spectra yield a temperature of 7.4keV. The authors discuss the possibility of a central point source contaminating the cluster emission, accounting for this would lower the temperature to 6.5keV. The measured temperature was the highest for any known cluster at $z > 1$ indicating a relatively massive cluster for this redshift.

The XMM Cluster Survey: The Dynamical State of XMMXCS J2215.9–1738 at $z = 1.457$ (Hilton et al., 2007).

Hilton et al. (2007) increased the number of galaxies with spectroscopic redshifts within the virial radius of XMMXCS J2215 to 17. Using this data the authors make a measurement of the line of sight velocity dispersion, $\sigma_v = 580 \text{ km s}^{-1}$, and note that given the temperature measured in Stanford et al. (2006) this is inconsistent with the hypothesis of equipartition of energy between the gas and galaxies, $\beta = \sigma_v^2 \mu m_p / kT = 1$, indicating that the intracluster medium contains 2-3 times the kinetic energy of the galaxies. The cluster is also significantly under-luminous compared to the expectation from self-similar

$L - T$ evolution. Hilton et al. (2007) investigate the possibility of a recent merger causing this behaviour, and find only mild evidence for a line of sight merger. The alternative mechanism may be heating due to supernova and/or AGN.

Early assembly of the most massive galaxies (Collins et al., 2009). (Hosmer is a co-author). Collins et al. (2009) use a sample of 5 high redshift ($1.2 \leq z \leq 1.5$) clusters including XMMXCS J2215 to investigate stellar mass evolution in brightest cluster galaxies with respect to a local sample of clusters of similar mass. Using a range of stellar evolution models the BCG stellar masses are estimated and are found to show much less evolution than expected from hierarchical models. The BCGs appear to have already assembled $\geq 90\%$ of their mass by $z \sim 1.5$, where as current models predict $z \sim 0.2$ before this mass level is reached.

The XMM Cluster Survey: Galaxy Morphologies and the Color-Magnitude Relation in XMMXCS J2215.9 – 1738 at $z = 1.46$ (Hilton et al., 2009). (Hosmer is a co-author).

Hilton et al. (2009) conducted a study of the morphological fractions and colour-magnitude relation in the galaxy cluster XMMXCS J2215. This is the 1st such study of an X-ray selected cluster at $z \sim 1.5$. The morphological fractions are similar to other clusters at $z \sim 1$. Thus, the dominant component of the galaxy population observed in clusters at low redshift was already in place ~ 4.5 Gyr after the Big Bang. The colour-magnitude relation is found to be consistent with that from Coma, implying little evolution over the last ~ 9 Gyr. XMMXCS J2215 is also found to show evidence of ‘downsizing’, with a deficit of faint red sequence galaxies in comparison to observations of clusters at low redshift.

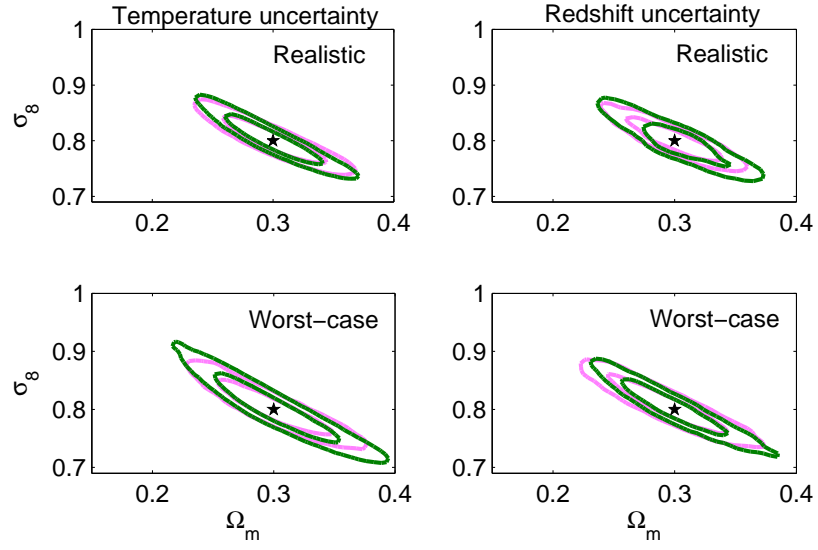
The XMM Cluster Survey: Forecasting cosmological and cluster scaling-relation parameter constraints (Sahlén et al., 2009). (Hosmer is a leading co-author).

As discussed previously, XCS aims to use the abundance of galaxy clusters as a function of mass and redshift to place constraints on cosmological models. The ability of XCS to achieve this goal is assessed in Sahlén et al. (2009). The paper forecasts the expected cluster samples from the XCS, and based on those, its ability to constrain cosmology and cluster scaling relations using self-calibration, specifically the expected constraints on Ω_m, σ_8 and the $L - T$ relation for a flat universe. Sahlén et al. (2009) details the way in which errors in cluster observables (L, T, z), and the assumptions made in their scaling, can influence the accuracy of the measured $n(M, z)$. This in turn can increase the statistical errors in the cosmological parameters, or in some cases cause systematic offsets.

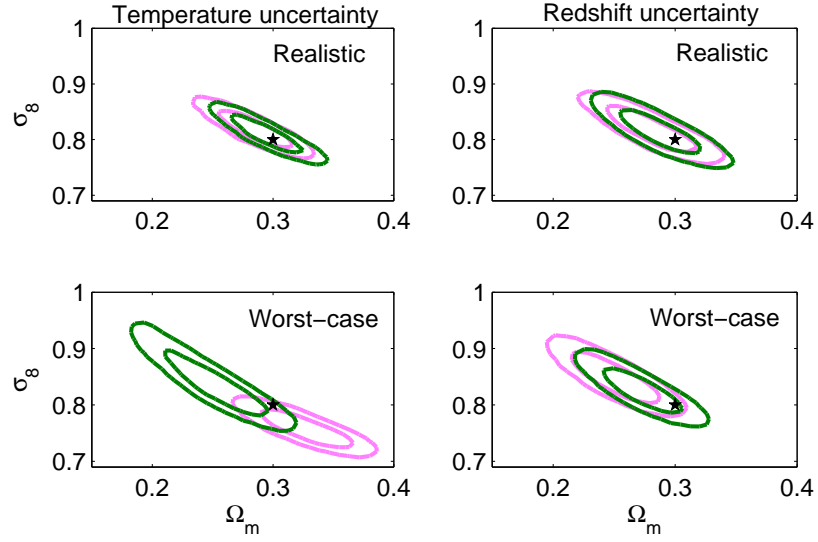
Figure 3.1 (Figure 14 from Sahlén et al. (2009)) shows the expected constraints on Ω_m and σ_8 from the XCS500 (see Section 3.6.1). These are the result of exploring the likelihood function for the observed cluster catalogue through Monte Carlo Markov Chain techniques. Figure 3.1 demonstrates the effect of temperature and/or redshift measurement errors on the expected cosmological constraints. Figure 3.1a shows that if the scaling relations are known, and the measurement errors accounted for, the constraints are centred around the fiducial value. Figure 3.1b and Figure 3.1c show that if these measurement errors are not

accounted for in the analysis, then the constraints can be systematically offset from the fiducial values. Ω_m is expected to be measured to ± 0.03 , and assuming flatness, Ω_Λ to the same accuracy. σ_8 is expected to be measured to ± 0.05 . We also expect to measure the slope and normalisation of the $L - T$ relation to $\pm 13\%$ and $\pm 6\%$ respectively.

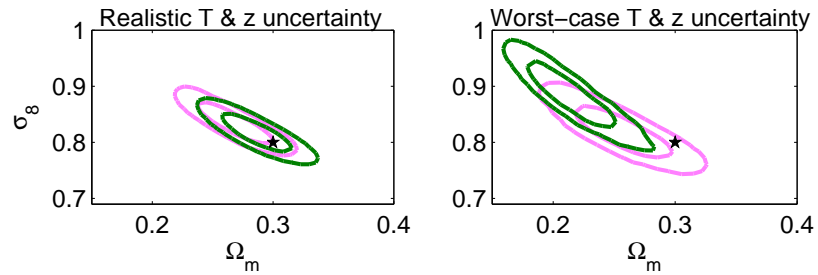
Figure 3.2 (Figure 15 from Sahlén et al. (2009)) shows how the incorrect assumptions in the $L - T$ relation can cause considerable difficulties for cosmological parameter estimation, further highlighting the importance of well understood scaling relations. If we consider as an example the light blue data in Figure 3.2; here we have self-similar $L - T$ evolution, with scatter in the data, however in the analysis constant evolution and no scatter have been assumed. This example returns very tight constraints on both Ω_m and σ_8 , these constraints are however misleading as the fiducial model is offset by a considerable amount.



(a) Accounted for single measurement errors



(b) Unaccounted for single measurement errors



(c) Unaccounted for combined measurement errors

Figure 3.1: Figure 14 from Sahlén et al. (2009). Expected 68 and 95 per cent parameter constraints for XCS500, for known scaling relations, no scatter, and with measurement errors. Stars denote the fiducial model assumed. Green = Self-similar $L - T$ evolution, Pink = No $L - T$ evolution.

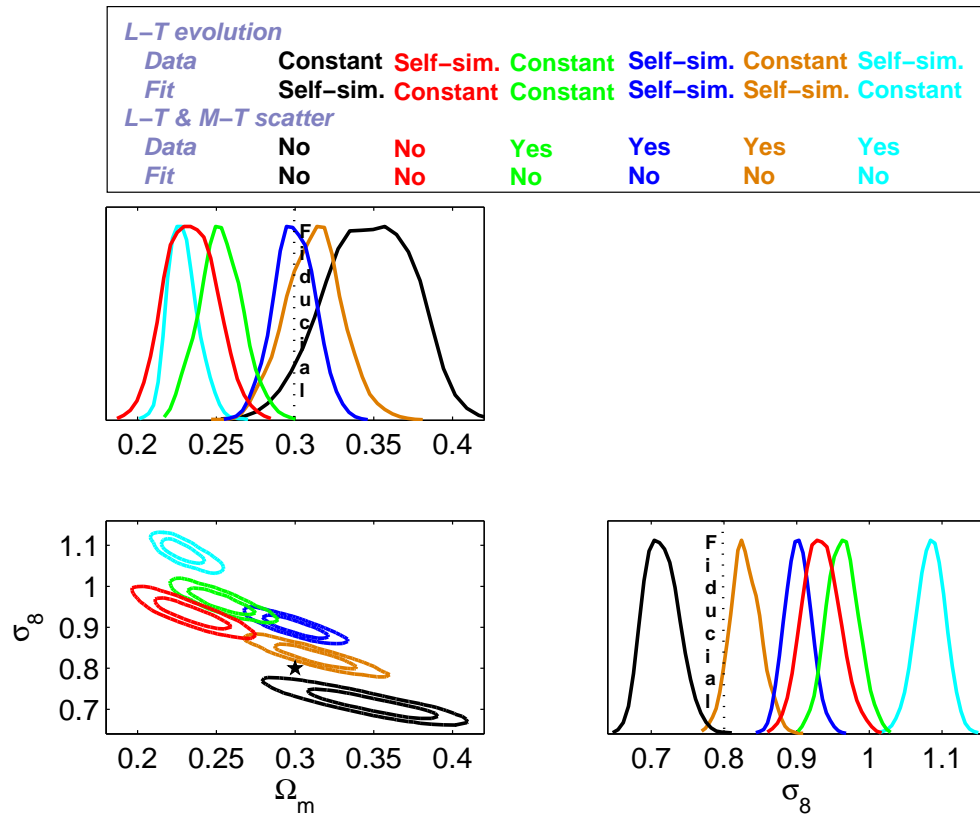


Figure 3.2: Figure 15 from Sahlén et al. (2009). Expected 68 and 95 per cent parameter constraints from the XCS500, for various cluster scaling relation assumptions inconsistent with the fiducial model used for generating the data.

3.3 XCS Source Detection

This section will describe the processes undertaken by XCS to extract source lists from XMM images. The steps taken are first summarised, followed by a more in-depth description of the key elements.

- **Data retrieval.** All of the public data available in the XMM archive is downloaded to local disks. The data has so far been downloaded on three occasions to account for the growth of the archive, February 2005 (undertaken by K. Sabirli), April 2006 (K. Sabirli) and May 2009 (E. Lloyd-Davies). These downloads define three sets of XCS data, referred to as DR1, DR2, and DR3 respectively. Note that DR3 is a complete re-download and analysis of all previous data to maintain the homogeneity of the data following some changes to the image generation, XAPA and the optical follow-up (See Chapter 4). The remaining sections of this Chapter primarily regard the data in DR1 and DR2.
- **Image creation.** Various inputs to the XCS detection pipelines are created from the raw data. Each observation commonly consists of images from each of the three cameras onboard XMM, and in some cases each camera has multiple exposures. These exposures are merged to create a single image per camera, and also to boost the detectability of faint clusters the three individual camera images are coadded. Images are created in this way for two energy bands: a ‘soft’ band, $0.5 - 2.0\text{keV}$, and a ‘hard’ band, $2.0 - 10.0\text{keV}$. The creation of a merged exposure map to accompany the merged image is detailed in Lloyd-Davies (in prep). Also included at this stage is the creation of accompanying ECF’s (Energy Conversion Factor) to convert between count rates and fluxes. This ECF calculation was undertaken by the person doing the respective download, i.e. DR1, DR2 (K. Sabirli), DR3 (E. Lloyd-Davies). See Appendix G for details.
- **Image inspection.** Each image is visually inspected for its suitability for cluster finding. At this stage Masks are created by hand to remove any unwanted features of the images (See 3.3.1). DR1 masks were made by M. Davidson, DR2 (by M. Hosmer), DR3 (by M. Hosmer and E. Kuwertz).
- **Source detection** The images are run through XCS Automated Pipeline Algorithms (XAPA) (Davidson, 2005), to create a detection list for each observation. XAPA was run on DR1 by M. Davidson, and on DR2 and DR3 by M. Hosmer (See Section 3.3.2).

3.3.1 Image inspection and Mask creation.

Since XMM is used for a wide range of projects in a variety of different areas in astronomy, the observations in the XMM archive contain a large number of target types. As a result

not all of the XMM observations are suitable for XCS. To assess the suitability of the observations, each one is examined by eye. Only if there exists significant area where a new extended source could be discovered is the observation kept in XCS. On this basis, observations of large supernova remnants, crowded star clusters, large nearby galaxies or galaxy clusters, and observations of very bright point sources are not suitable for source detection and are not processed further. Also, if the exposure time of the observation is extremely low or the camera mode is unusable the observation is removed from the XCS list. Some examples of excluded observations are shown in Figure 3.3.

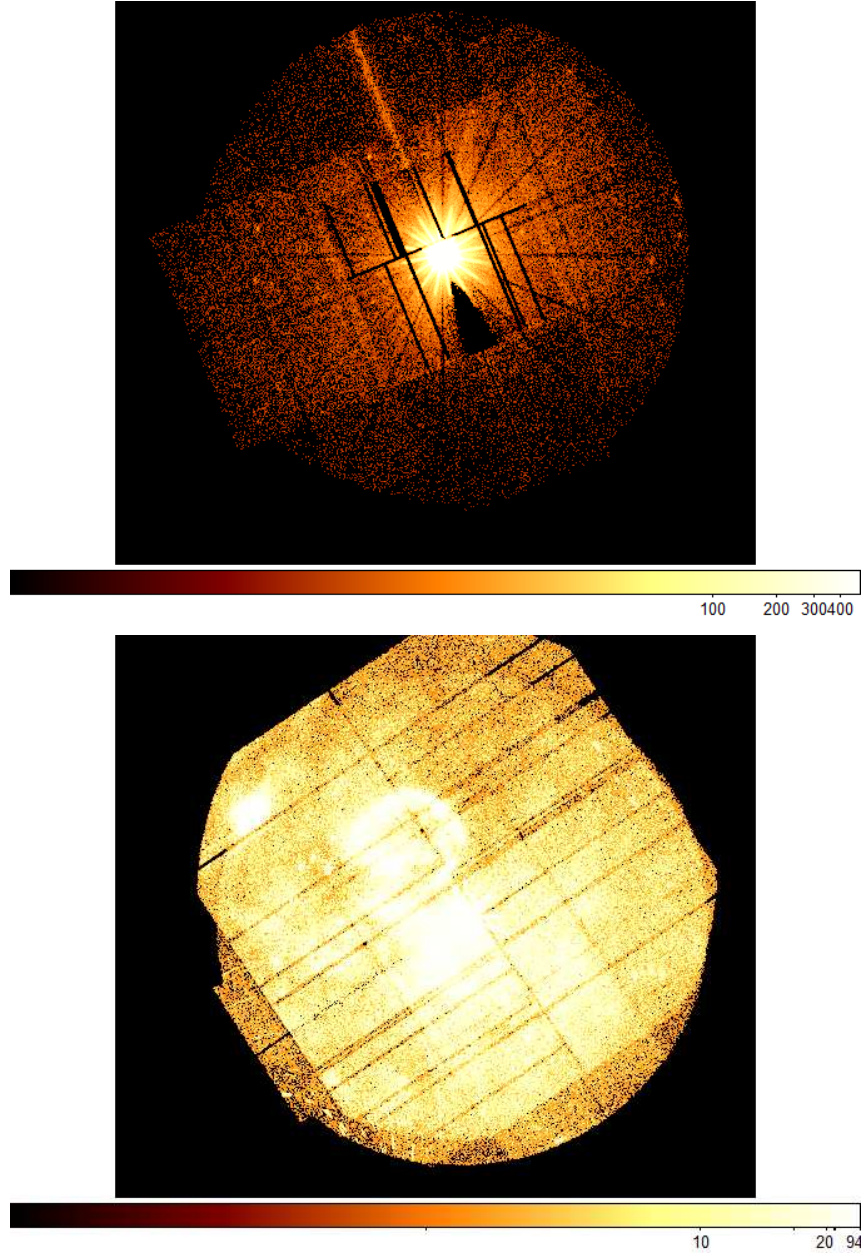


Figure 3.3: Obsids 0411082701 and 0406840301, two examples of observations that are not suitable for XCS. Top: Field dominated by a large point source, showing out-of-time events and artifacts caused by the mirror supports. Bottom: Field entirely covered by a SNR.

For the observations that remain, a mask is made by hand, to remove a range of objects and artefacts that would result in spurious detections. Mask regions include those with bright point sources displaying prominent diffraction spikes; hot pixels; streaks due to Out-of-Time events (when photons are registered as the CCD is being read out, creating a line of counts between the source and the read-out node); and areas containing ghost images (caused by sources outside of the field of view). Both the image and exposure image are multiplied by the mask before being passed on to the detection pipeline. Examples of these artifacts are shown in Figure 3.4. The removal of unsuitable observations reduced the inputs to the source detection processes to 1847 (of 2413) for DR1.

3.3.2 Source Detection

The XCS Automated Pipeline Algorithm (XAPA) was first presented in detail in the Ph.D thesis of Michael Davidson (Davidson, 2005). Here we will only summarize the key features of XAPA. An overview of the algorithms is given in Figures B.1 to B.4 of Appendix B, the figures are a set of flow charts from Davidson (2005) showing the steps taken in detection, reconstruction, recovery of source properties and source list cleaning.

XAPA makes use of the WTRANSFORM part of the wavelet transform package WAVDETECT, this uses wavelets to detect sources on given scales in an image. Nine wavelet scales are used (numbered according to increasing size, corresponding to $\sqrt{2}$, 2, $2\sqrt{2}$, 4, $4\sqrt{2}$, 8, $8\sqrt{2}$, 16 and 32 image pixels). These scales are run in 2 separate stages, scales 1 – 3 (Run1) are used first, some of the sources detected here are masked out before continuing with scales 4 – 9 (Run2). This is to prevent very bright small sources from contaminating the larger scales.

Occasionally, extended sources do present a large central first scale signal, for instance if they contain a point source or the density profile is cuspy. If this happens then the central source can cause the Run2 detection of the larger extent to be removed as a likely lobe around a bright Run1 source (see Davidson (2005) for details). Thus, the true extent of the source is underestimated. To prevent this a simple test is performed:

A grid of 5 by 5 pixels, Q , centred on the source is extracted from the image. The quantity representing the ‘cuspieness’, C , of the central region is calculated:

$$C = \frac{Q_{max} - Q_{min}}{Q_{max}} \quad (3.1)$$

If $C < 0.85$, then the source is removed from the Run1 list as it is flatter than a real point source.

After both detection runs, XAPA then reconstructs the sources into multi-scaled structures and objects, after which an initial set of source properties is calculated. All sources

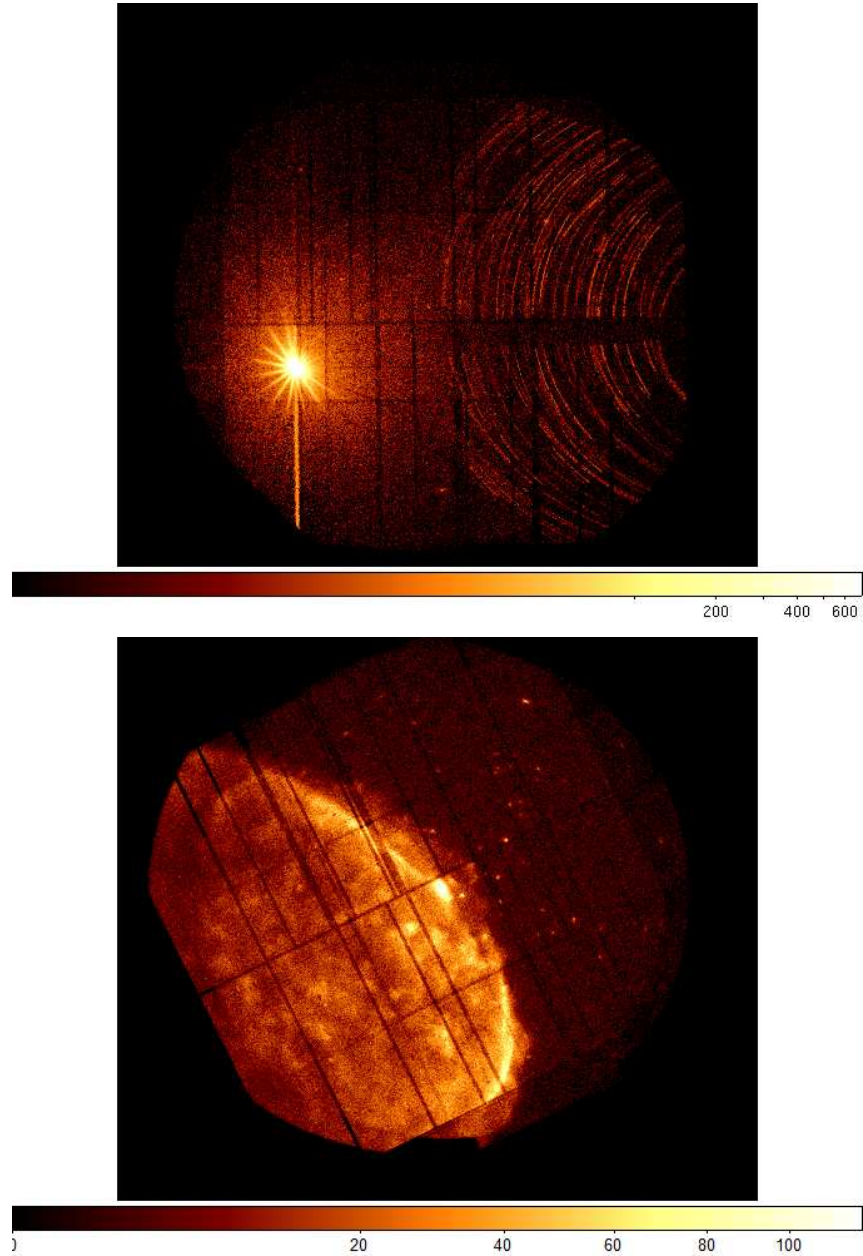


Figure 3.4: Examples of observations containing areas that must be masked out to avoid unnecessary spurious detections. Top: Bright point source with spikes and OOT events, also ringing caused by single reflections from a bright source outside the FOV. Bottom: A large supernova remnant covering half of the FOV.

detected with a significance of less than 4σ above the background level are removed from the source list. After cleaning of the source list the properties of the remaining sources are re-calculated.

The reconstructed objects are classified based on a comparison of the Encircled Energy Fraction (EEF) of the source to the EEF of the Point Spread Function (PSF) at the source position. The comparison uses a Kolmogorov-Smirnov (K-S) test to determine the probability of a source being pointlike.

The PSF model employed is the Extended model (see Section 2.2). This model is radially averaged, and has limited validity across the field of view. Despite the variation in the shape of the PSF as a function of position, the PSF EEF varies only weakly with off-axis angle. The current PSF model is not ideal, it would be preferable to have a model that recreates the structure that is seen in the true PSF at large off-axis angles. Due to potential misclassification caused by inadequacies in the model, XAPA assigns certain flags to those sources that maybe classified incorrectly (see Section 3.3.3).

Because we use the actual data in our estimation of the PSF EEF model (by measuring the background component) we cannot strictly use the analytical expression for the K-S confidence threshold. The only option in this case is to perform a set of MonteCarlo (MC) simulations for every source. Although this is computationally expensive it is vital to prevent misclassification. The bootstrap resampling process involves generating 200 realisations of the PSF EEF model and populating them with the same number of counts as measured in the data. Each of these realisations can be compared to the model and an empirical distribution of the K-S d values found (d is the maximum deviation between two sets of cumulative data). If none of the simulated distributions returns a d value as great as the measured value then an approximate upper limit on the probability of the source being truly a point is 0.005.

The extent determination algorithm in XCS is one of its key features. It works well across the field of view, but we do hope to improve the PSF model in time for DR4.

3.3.3 XAPA warning flags

Due to various uncertainties, e.g the PSF and the background level, there is still some potential for artifacts in the source lists generated by XAPA. These are flagged in the source list as follows:

- **PSF-SIZED FLAG.** Due to the flaws in the PSF model, there is a large potential for the mis-classification of point sources as extended (and vice-versa) that are of comparable size to the PSF. In light of this any extended objects that are PSF-sized are flagged as such.

- **RUN1 CONTAMINATED FLAG.** It is also possible for the wings of the true PSF around bright point sources to be detected as extended emission. To account for this, any extended sources where 50% or more of the flux is coming from internal sources detected in Run1, are flagged as being potential artifacts.
- **POINTSOURCE CONTAMINATED FLAG.** In addition a final flag is applied to extended objects that are detected with internal pointsources, where the pointsource flux is $\geq 1.3\times$ the extended source flux. This also helps prevent the mis-classification of groups of point sources as a single extended source.

3.4 Creation of a source list

XAPA produces a source list for each of the input observations, then these lists are concatenated to form a master detection list. Present in the XMM archive are many areas that have been observed multiple times. As a result some of these entries in the master list will be duplicate detections of the same sources. In order to remove these it is necessary to set an appropriate matching radius. The positional accuracy of the survey is higher for point sources than for extended sources, so it makes sense to use a different radius for each type. The accuracy for point sources varies as a function of off-axis and azimuthal angles (amongst other parameters). However, for simplicity we use a single value for the radius of $5''$. The case for extended sources is less straightforward because of the variety of source types and morphologies. The positional accuracy for large diffuse objects, such as low redshift clusters, can be very poor, making it very hard to pick an appropriate radius. Fortunately, the largest diffuse sources should have already been masked and removed entirely from their host observation. So, for XCS we use a fixed matching radius of $2'$ for extended sources (Davidson, 2005). (See Chapter 4 for the matching radius used in DR3). When duplicates are found, the detection with the most soft band counts is kept and a Source list is produced. A final summary of the XCS DR1 and DR2 is given in Table 3.2.

	Obsids	Detections	Sources
DR1	1847	74295	63327
DR1+DR2	2395	95694	81528

Table 3.2: Summary of the XCS DR1 and DR2.

3.5 Comparison of XCS DR1 & DR2 point sources to those in the public archives.

It is desirable that the XCS catalogues be of value to the wider X-ray community, not just those working in the field of clusters of galaxies. To this end it is important to undertake

comparisons of the XCS source lists with the data available in the literature. An obvious study with which to make such comparisons is the XMM-SSC's (XMM-Survey Science Centre), XMM-Newton Serendipitous Source Catalogue, known as 2XMM (Watson et al., 2009). Released in 2008, the 2XMM catalogue was the largest X-ray source catalogue ever produced, containing almost twice as many discrete sources as either the ROSAT All Sky Survey or pointed catalogues. Based on 3491 XMM observations, 2XMM contains 246897 X-ray source detections which relate to 191870 unique X-ray sources.

Davidson (2005) included a cross match of the point sources in the DR1 detections list to the first catalogue produced by the XMM-SSC. In general the source properties were in very good agreement, however a comparison of the fluxes showed a $\sim 10\%$ offset in the MOS fluxes, and $\sim 20\%$ in the PN (see the histograms in Figure 3.5). Since Davidson (2005), XMM-SSC have made alterations to their reduction and re-released the data (now included as part of 2XMM). So we have re-done this comparison as follows.

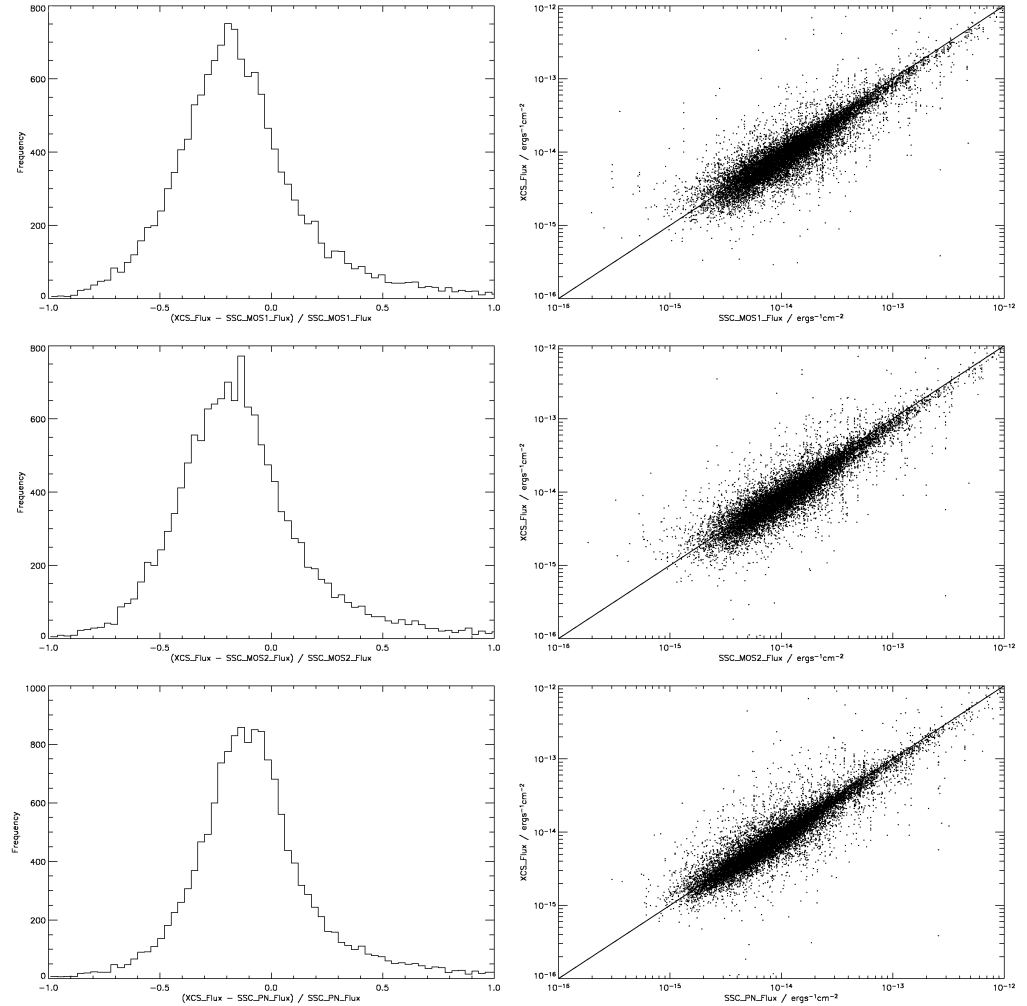


Figure 3.5: Figure 5.7 from Davidson (2005). A comparison of the individual camera fluxes of XCS point sources vs their matches from the XMM-SSC.

Using a $10''$ matching radius, a comparison between the DR1+DR2 detections and the 2XMM catalogue returns 84283 matches, from a total of 95694 XCS detections. The

difference in the number of detections contained in the two catalogues (246897 vs. 95694) is the result of two factors

- There are less pointings in the combined DR1+DR2 than in 2XMM (2395 vs. 3491)
- Different methods are employed to clean the lists of spurious detections. The 2XMM authors note that: ‘*About half of the observations have features that may cause spurious detections (mainly the wings of bright sources and large extended emission), and it is strongly recommended to use a filter*’¹. As outlined in Section 3.3.2, a large amount of filtering of such sources is done on the XCS source lists as part of the detection process.

An updated comparison of the XCS fluxes and their 2XMM counterparts is shown in Figure 3.6. The offset between the 2XMM fluxes and the XCS fluxes remains. The level of the offset is larger than before, it is now consistent across the three cameras, but exists at the $\sim 30\%$ level (vs. previous levels of 10% for MOS and 20% PN). The XMM-SSC have improved the calibration between their PN fluxes and those from the MOS cameras, however this has also caused a greater difference to appear between their data and that of DR1 and DR2. The problems with the 2XMM flux calibration are well documented², although this difference may also be an indication of problems with the DR1 and DR2 fluxes. This comparison is repeated in Chapter 4 for the DR3 fluxes and the offset is seen to be significantly reduced. This indicates the majority of the offset may be caused by the use of different calibration. The XMM calibration files are ever changing; the comparison in Figure 3.6 may be comparing data at a time when 2XMM were using more up to date calibration than was used in DR1 and DR2, hence the improvement when using the updated DR3. A small systematic offset is not unexpected, the fluxes are dependent on the ECF’s, which assume a spectral model (see Appendix G).

Davidson (2005) made additional checks against optical catalogues and verified the positional accuracy such that 95% of the matches to the optical data are within $7.8''$. These position checks are repeated for DR3 in Section 4.3.1.

The quality of the point source catalogue produced by XAPA has enabled XCS spin-off projects to make specific use of this data; these include a search for Isolated Neutron Stars and projects matching XMM data to SDSS Quasars.

3.6 Statistical Sample of cluster candidates

To achieve the cosmology goals of XCS we require an unbiased sample of clusters. Selecting our cluster candidates from the XCS source list is not as simple as just selecting all of the

¹<http://xmmssc-www.star.le.ac.uk/Catalogue/2XMM/>

²<http://xmm.vilspa.esa.es/docs/documents/CAL-TN-0018.pdf>

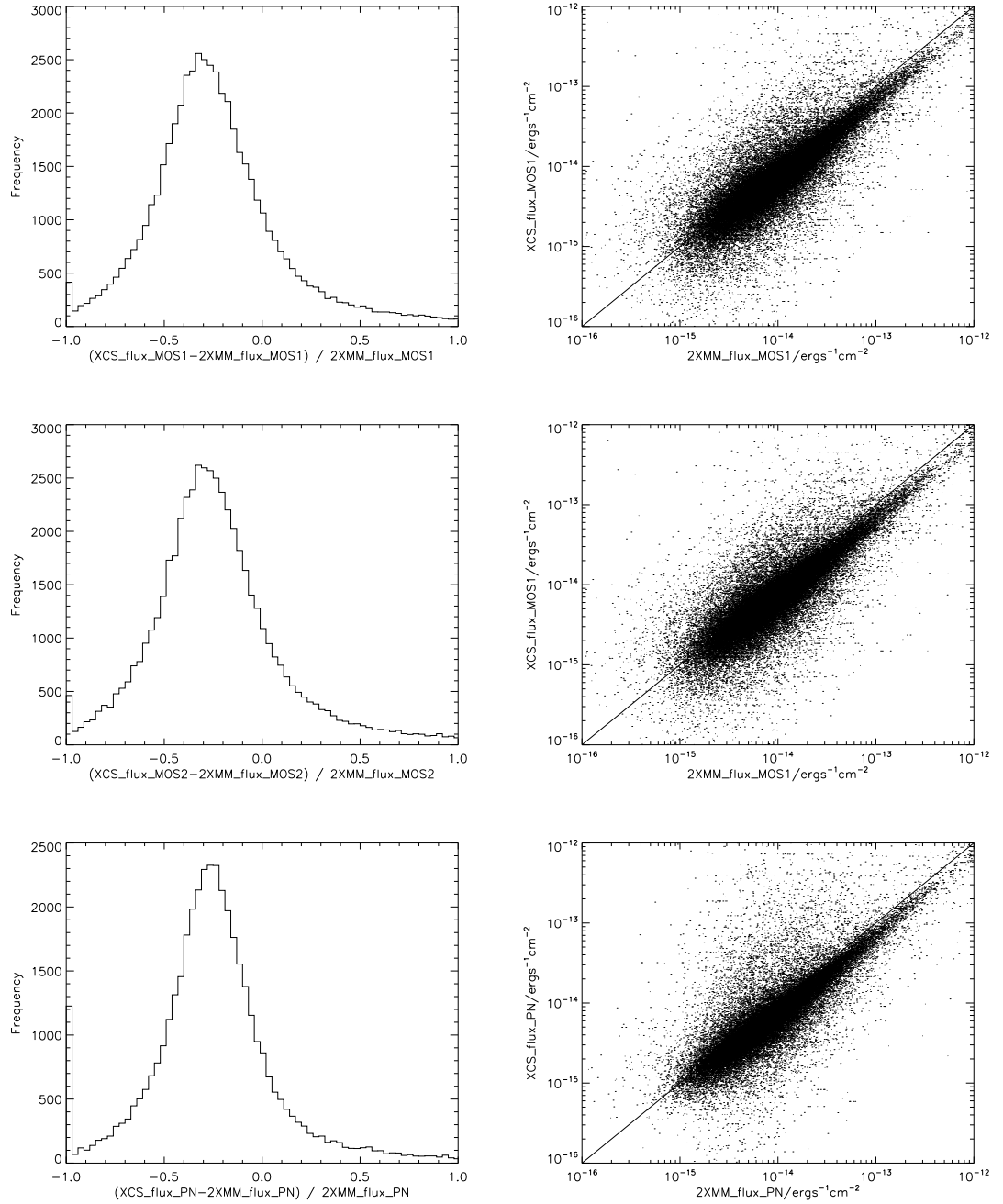


Figure 3.6: An updated comparison of the individual camera fluxes of XCS point sources vs their matches in 2XMM (Watson et al., 2009).

extended objects, as the list must be extensively filtered. The filtered list is known as the Statistical Sample (StatSam).

- Any candidates that are the pointing targets are not serendipitous and so need to be removed. A $2'$ radius from the pointing centre is used for this purpose.
- Since clusters have a certain amount of clustering, all candidates in targeted cluster pointings are excluded from the sample.
- To ensure a minimal level of contamination in the sample any source which is flagged as potentially suspicious is removed, i.e PSF-SIZED FLAG, POINTSOURCE CONTAMINATED FLAG or RUN1 CONTAMINATED FLAG (see Section 3.3.2).
- There are a considerable number of published source catalogues available to the community. These can be used to clean the candidate list of non-cluster extended objects such as supernovae that were not already removed by the masking (See Section 3.3.1). Objects already classified in NED (NASA/IPAC ExtraGalactic Database³) or SIMBAD⁴ as one of the following: HII cloud, Supernova Remnant, Planetary Nebula, or low Redshift Galaxy ($z < 0.04$) are removed from the candidate list (using a $2'$ matching radius).
- To assist in the optical follow-up, candidates in the Galactic plane, or within either of the Magellanic clouds, are also removed (See Table 3.3). This has been added by the author as it was neglected in Davidson (2005).

This filtering produces a DR1 StatSam containing 1411 cluster candidates, and a DR1+DR2 StatSam containing 1874 cluster candidates.

Name	Cut
Galaxy	$ b < 20^\circ$
LMC	RA:5h23'35'', Dec:−69°45', Radius:6°
SMC	RA:0h52'44'', Dec:−72°50', Radius:3°

Table 3.3: Details of sky cuts applied to the XCS StatSam. All candidates are excluded if they are within the specified regions.

3.6.1 The XCS500 and XCS300 subsamples

Here we outline the definition of the XCS500 and XCS300 sub-samples of clusters referred to throughout this thesis. The XCS500 and XCS300 are defined based on the number of counts a cluster is detected with in the soft band. The requirement that the final

³<http://nedwww.ipac.caltech.edu>

⁴<http://simbad.u-strasbg.fr/simbad>

cluster sample have known temperatures has led to this necessity. The count limit has been set in such a way that the cluster spectrum can be fitted to a model spectrum of a known temperature. To produce reliable fits, enough counts have to be present such that the shape of the bremsstrahlung continuum is well sampled. The minimum count limit has initially been set at 500 (counts from XAPA, not aperture corrected), and this number has been used in Sahlén et al. (2009) for XCS’s cosmological forecasting (See 3.2). To remain consistent with this work a count limit of 500 is used where appropriate in this thesis; however a reduction in the limit is being considered based on the temperature measurement work undertaken by E. Lloyd-Davies. With this in mind Chapter we also provide candidate numbers for the XCS300 subsample.

3.7 DR1 and DR2 StatSam redshift follow-up

3.7.1 Online archives

In addition to their use in removing non cluster extended sources, NED and SIMBAD are also used to identify serendipitous re-detections of known clusters (to avoid unnecessary follow-up). However these are not dedicated cluster catalogues and so it should not be expected that they contain all known clusters. The X-Rays Galaxy Clusters Database⁵(BAX) is a dedicated cluster project with the aim of gathering cluster data into one resource, and so this database was used also for completeness. These literature searches identify 222 known clusters and groups in the DR1+DR2 StatSam (Literature search Feb 2008) leaving 1652 new DR1+DR2 candidates.

3.7.2 The NOAO-XCS Survey

The following subsection contains a description of the NOAO-XCS survey, the text has been edited from that provided by N. Merhtens (Private communication). M. Hosmer was an observer during one of the 6 night runs at the CTIO, Chile; however all of the data reduction and redshift fitting has been undertaken by N. Merhtens.

The NOAO-XCS Survey (NXS) is the optical follow-up survey to XCS providing photometric redshifts for DR1 and DR2 XCS cluster candidates. NXS uses a method of cluster detection inspired by Gladders and Yee and the Red-Sequence Cluster Survey (RCS) Gladders and Yee (2000). The main assumption is that all clusters are made up of a centrally concentrated clump of homogeneous, old, red, passively evolving elliptical galaxies. These galaxies, having formed at similar times from the same constituent gas, have similar metallicities and therefore colours, allowing them to exhibit a tight relation in colour-magnitude space -the red sequence. By taking imaging photometry of a cluster in

⁵<http://bax.ast.obs-mip.fr>

two filters sampling either side of the 4000Å break of cluster elliptical galaxies, one can use the colour of the red-sequence as a redshift estimator. As the 4000Å break migrates with increasing redshift the observed colour becomes redder providing a redshift estimate. The NXS survey therefore identifies clusters and assigns photometric redshifts and richness estimates (i.e. the number of cluster galaxies) by exploiting the ubiquitous red sequence observed in most galaxy clusters.

The NXS redshift algorithm (See Appendix C) was run on 220 XCS DR1 and 34 XCS DR2 cluster candidates imaged by NXS under photometric conditions (the results of which are shown in H.1. Of these candidates, 163 XCS DR1 clusters were detected with at least 5 member galaxies (including 54 XCS300 clusters) with redshift estimates between $0.1 \leq z \leq 1.0$; and 22 XCS DR2 clusters were detected with at least 5 member galaxies with redshift estimates between $0.1 \leq z \leq 0.74$.

3.8 Summary & Future work

3.8.1 Cluster catalogue

The DR1+DR2 StatSam will produce the first XCS catalogue of clusters (E. Lloyd-Davies, (in prep)). The DR2 clusters which comprise $\sim 25\%$ of this catalogue are a result of the work done by the author.

3.8.2 Summary

Using images, exposure maps and ECF's produced by K. Sabirli, and the XAPA pipeline designed by M. Davidson, we have been able to produce a source list of 81528 entries, and a StatSam cluster candidate list of 1874. Of these 1874, 250 already have redshifts. The author had responsibility for the DR2 extension of XCS, representing a 25% increase in the number of sources, cluster candidates, and confirmed clusters. The confirmed clusters from the XCS300 sample have now been subjected to X-ray spectroscopy and morphological analysis by E. Lloyd-Davies, see Appendix I.

Chapter 4

The XCS DR3

This chapter presents the XCS DR3. Discussed within are any changes made since DR1 and DR2, and the validation of the catalogue via cross checks with optical and X-ray data sets. Finally the catalogue itself is described and presented in detail. The delivery of DR3 has been the responsibility of the author, and constitutes one of the major results in the thesis. It has extended the area covered by XCS (from the DR1+DR2 area) by $\sim 70\%$, and increased the number of StatSam cluster candidates by a factor of 2.

4.1 Modifications since Davidson (2005)

Since the reduction and compilation of DR1 and DR2 some corrections and modifications have been made (by the author) to XAPA and to the processes used to generate the final source list.

- Off-axis angles** A small fraction ($\sim 1\%$) of the sources in DR1 and DR2 were seen to have off-axis angles that would put them well outside of the FOV. A closer inspection of this revealed that these cases were the extreme end of a more systematic problem. The error was caused by use of an incorrect pointing centre. In the majority of cases this offset was minor; however the potential for additional effects required not only correction of the off-axis values, but a complete re-running of XAPA. This is because, as part of the classification process (See Section 3.3.2), the source is compared to a PSF model, and this model is dependent on the off-axis position of the source. Errors here may result in misclassification, in turn leading to incorrect apertures being used for flux measurement. This correction was not available for the DR1 and DR2 samples described in Chapter 3.
- Azimuthal angle** Inconsistent conversion from physical image position (x,y) to azimuthal angle, ϕ , in DR1 and DR2 has also been corrected in DR3. The impact

of this conversion is less important than the off-axis issue, since there are no catalogue properties that are directly dependant on ϕ . However this would have caused problems for some uses of the data, e.g. modelling the PSF as a function of θ and ϕ .

- Duplicate source removal** In DR1 and DR2, a matching radius of $2'$ was used to check for extended source duplicates (See Section 3.4). Extended sources within this radius were considered duplicates, and the one with the highest number of counts was used as the master detection and so appears in the final source list. Experience has shown that this radius is too large. An example clearly highlights the problem. XMMXCS J2215 was originally detected in obsid 0106660101, and this area has since been re-observed with longer exposure time in obsid 0106660601 (Figure 4.1). The greater exposure has caused 2 nearby point sources to blend, and be detected as extended, this 'extended' object has a greater number of counts than XMMXCS J2215 and so XMMXCS J2215 is removed from the source list in favour of this blend. This object is clearly not a good cluster candidate, and so would not be followed-up, thus XMMXCS J2215 would likely be not considered further. While for nearby clusters this radius of $2'$ may be suitable, with increasing redshift this quickly corresponds to an unnecessarily large distance. Ideally a radius as a function of redshift would be implemented, but at this stage we would not have any redshift data, so a fixed radius is the only option. To avoid cases like the given example, the match radius used for DR3 extended sources has been reduced to $30''$. This radius is large enough to allow reliable source matching, but small enough to minimise removal of genuine cluster candidates. The chosen value of this radius is somewhat arbitrary, the implications of this choice are discussed in Section 4.1.1. The matching radius for point sources remains $5''$.
- Image and exposure map creation** As mentioned in Section 3.3 the images and exposure maps for DR3 have been created by E. Lloyd-Davies, where as for DR1 and DR2 they were made by K. Sabirli. The image and exposure map generation pipelines were re-written from scratch by E. Lloyd-Davies for DR3. So even for pointings previously analysed for DR1 and DR2, we can expect the source lists and their respective properties to have changed slightly.

4.1.1 Implications for Source lists.

The modifications to the θ and ϕ values detailed above improve the quality of the source catalogues, and little more need be said about them. The change to the extended source matching radius however warrants further discussion. The reduction in this radius increases the number of candidate objects in fields processed in DR1 and DR2, and makes the relative size of the cluster candidate list for DR3 considerably larger than would be expected simply from the increase in the number of pointings analysed. There are two main points that must be noted here. The extended source list will now more closely match the completeness levels expected from the selection functions presented in Chapters 5 and 6,

having a knock-on effect of improving the quality of other science results from the survey. The other point to consider is that the increase in the number of extended objects will undoubtedly affect the contamination level of the candidate list. The candidates are all examined by eye before follow up, so the level of contamination in the initial source list has little influence on the final XCS cluster sample.

4.2 Initial problems with DR3

After the creation of DR3 some errors became apparent, as shown in Figure 4.2. Plotted in Figures 4.2(a), 4.2(c), 4.2(e) are a comparison of the individual camera fluxes from DR3 and the counterpart sources found in the 2XMMi catalogue, an incremental update of 2XMM (Watson et al., 2009), it is clear that two subsets of the sources have distinct flux offsets of a factor of 10 – 100 in the MOS cameras. Figure 4.2(b) is a comparison of the DR3 MOS1 fluxes and those from DR1. It is clear from this that the problem is in the DR3 data rather than 2XMMi, Figure 4.2(d) shows that the offset is not even consistent between MOS1 and MOS2. This problem does not affect the PN data (See Figures 4.2(e), 4.2(f)). In addition to the flux issue, there were a small number of obsids that featured spurious sources, generally within chip gaps and regions of low exposure (See Figure 4.3). The symptoms shown in Figures 4.2 and 4.3 point to errors within the exposure maps. Indeed the MOS cameras in the affected obsids were all in one of the partial window modes (See Section 2.1.1). The original merging of the exposure maps and images had not properly taken into account the different mode of the central chip, and this affected the relative weighting of all regions in the maps and caused the ECFs to be artificially boosted. This particular problem has now been corrected. Figure 4.4 shows that there is now a very tight agreement between the fluxes from both of the MOS cameras, and that the DR3 MOS1 fluxes now show a much better match with those from 2XMMi (See Section 4.3.2 for further details).

It is noted that in Figure 4.4(a) there are still a small fraction of detections (1112 of 179530) where the MOS1 and MOS2 fluxes still show a systematic offset. The detections which show an offset of more than 15% are all from the same 115 obsids. The reason for this is offset is yet to be determined, but is expected to be of similar origin to the above, and at the time of writing was being corrected by E. Lloyd-Davies.

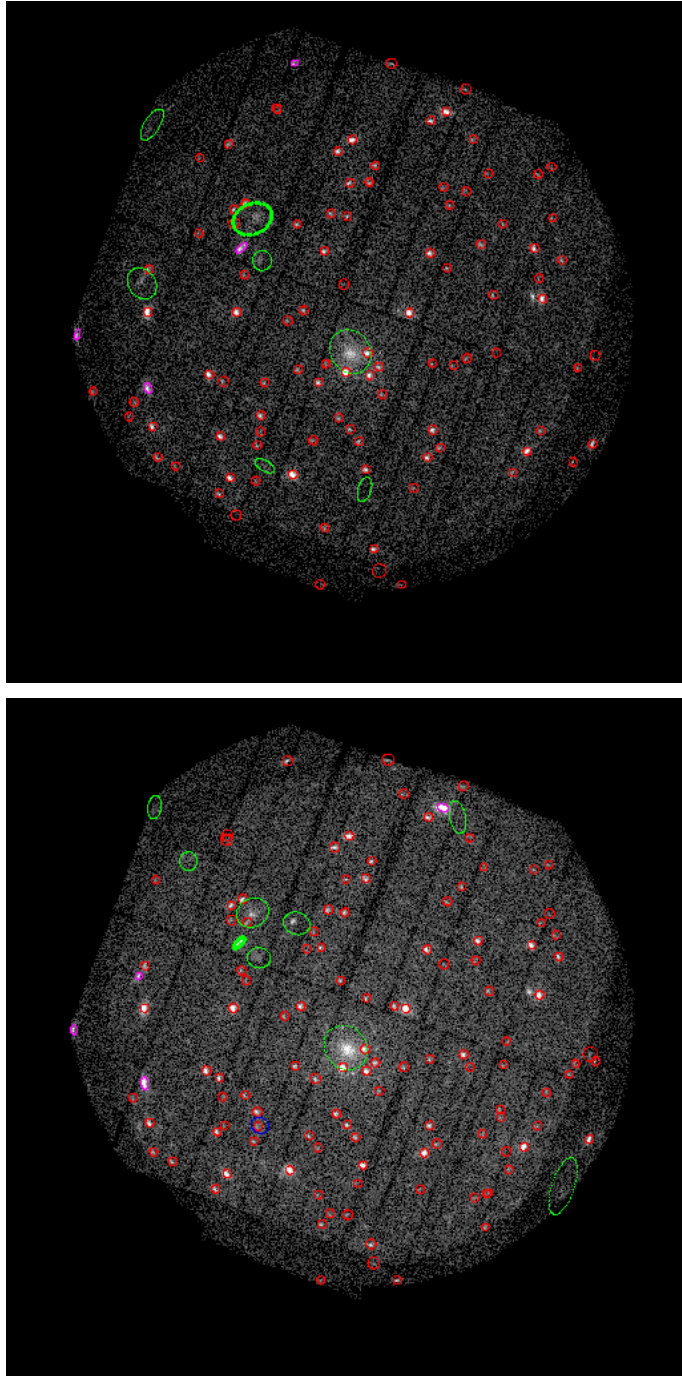


Figure 4.1: Top: Obsid 0106660101, XMMXCS J2215 is highlighted by a bold green ellipse. Bottom: Obsid 0106660601, the bold green ellipse denotes the blended point sources chosen as the master source detection by the old DR1 & DR2 method.

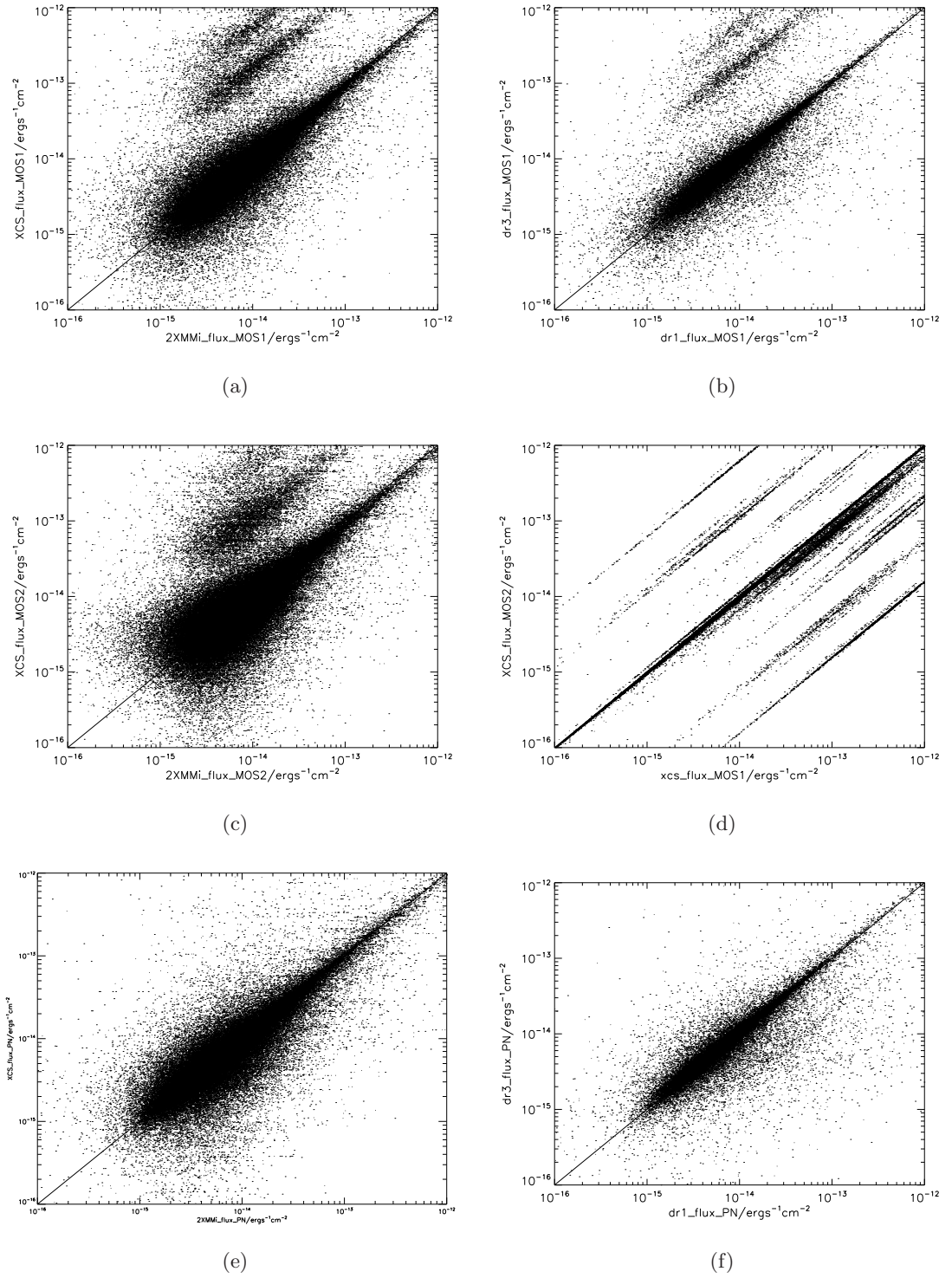


Figure 4.2: A comparison of initial DR3 individual camera fluxes to 2XMMi (a,c,e), DR1 (b,f), and another DR3 camera (d) (See text for details).

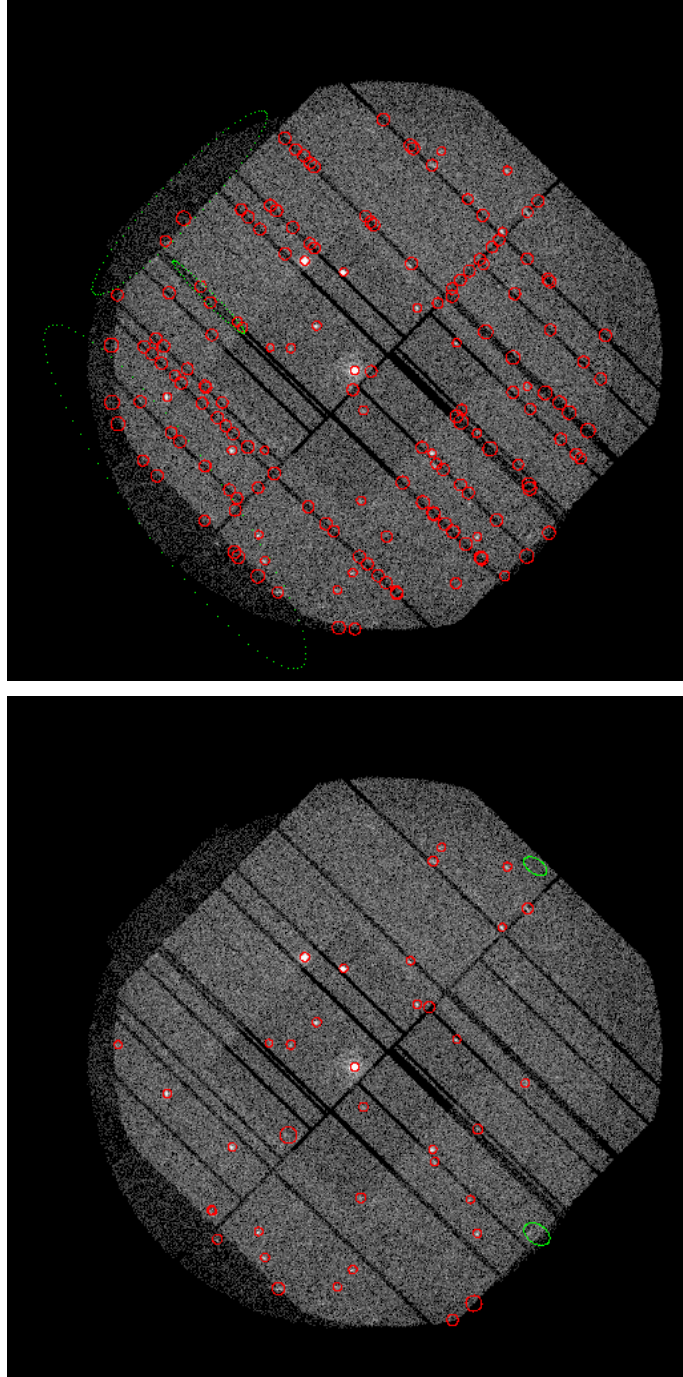
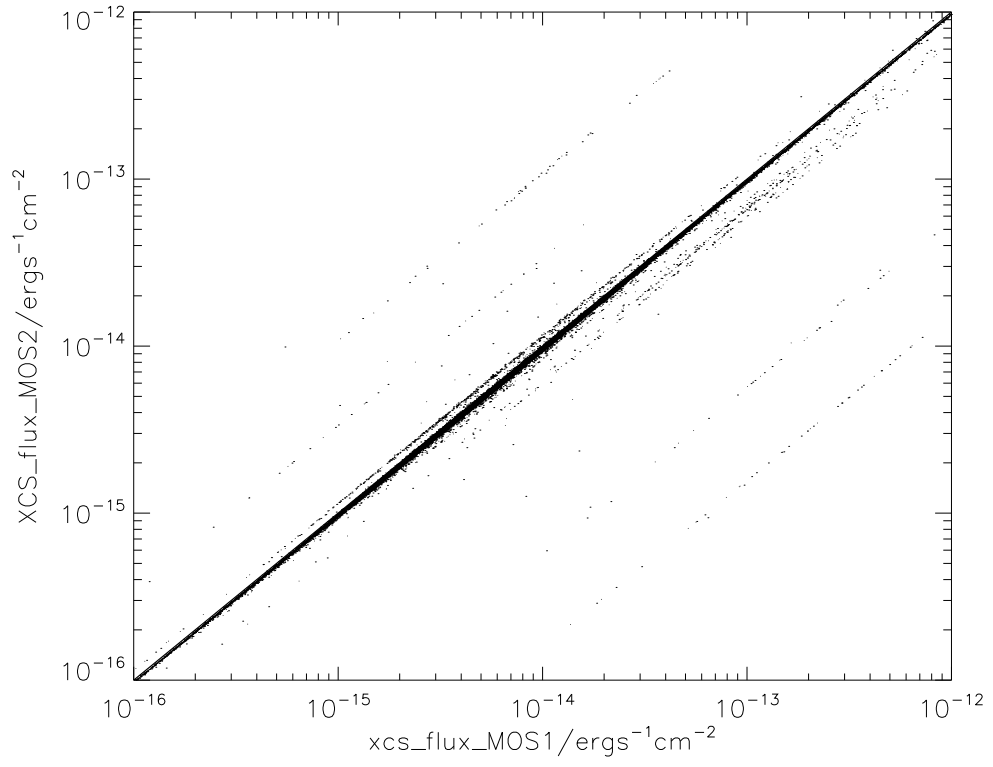
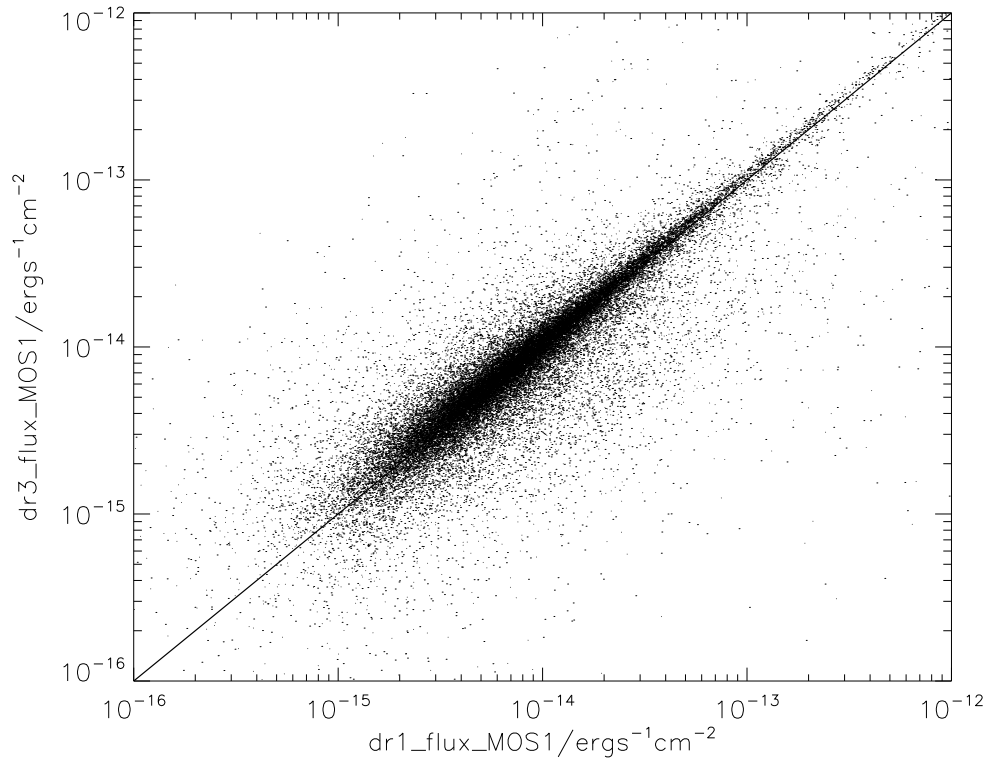


Figure 4.3: Obsid 0142970101, before (top) and after (bottom) diagnosis and correction of the exposure map error.



(a)



(b)

Figure 4.4: Same as Figures 4.2(d) and 4.2(b), but after the exposure map correction.

4.3 Comparison to Literature samples

With the internal calibration and quality checks complete it is necessary to assess DR3 in light of the literature data. We will first check the accuracy of the source positions with a comparison to optical data, and then compare the DR3 X-ray properties to some relevant samples.

4.3.1 Determination of the DR3 positional accuracy using optical quasar catalogues

To determine the positional accuracy of DR3 it is desirable to use as a comparison a catalogue that has high spatial resolution and precision, and significant overlap with the XMM data. A natural choice for this is SDSS; the data is of high quality and contains many objects that would be expected to have X-ray counterparts, e.g quasars and AGN. A cross match against the SDSS Quasar Catalog IV (Schneider et al., 2007) using a radius of $10''$ produces the results in Table 4.1 and plotted in Figure 4.5. There are 1131 matches, 95% of which are within $5.723''$. The mean matching distance is approximately the size of 2 MOS pixels. Given the uncertainty in the PSF, and the fact that the XMM cameras are only calibrated to $1 - 2''$ relative to each other, this level of precision is as good as could be expected. However there does appear to be a small systematic offset in both RA and Dec directions at the $0.5''$ level, and this is yet to be diagnosed.

number of matches in $10''$	1131
95% matching radius	$5.72''$
Mean distance	$2.36''$
Median distance	$1.94''$
Standard deviation	$1.65''$
mean(XCS RA -SDSS RA)	$0.53''$
mean(XCS Dec - SDSS Dec)	$-0.50''$

Table 4.1: A summary of the results of the cross match between DR3 and The SDSS Quasar Catalog IV.

As an aside we note that the XCS-SDSS quasar sample is being exploited by Miller et al. (in prep) to determine X-ray spectral properties of optical quasars. See also Young et al. (2009) for a complementary SDSS-XMM quasar survey. Young et al. (2009) find 792 SDSS QSO's with matches in the XMM data, we find 1131.

To improve the number statistics in the above results we can extend this further by using the catalogue of Véron-Cetty and Véron (2006) (hereafter VeronCat). This catalogue is a compilation of all known AGN and QSOs. The results are in Table 4.2 and Figure 4.6.

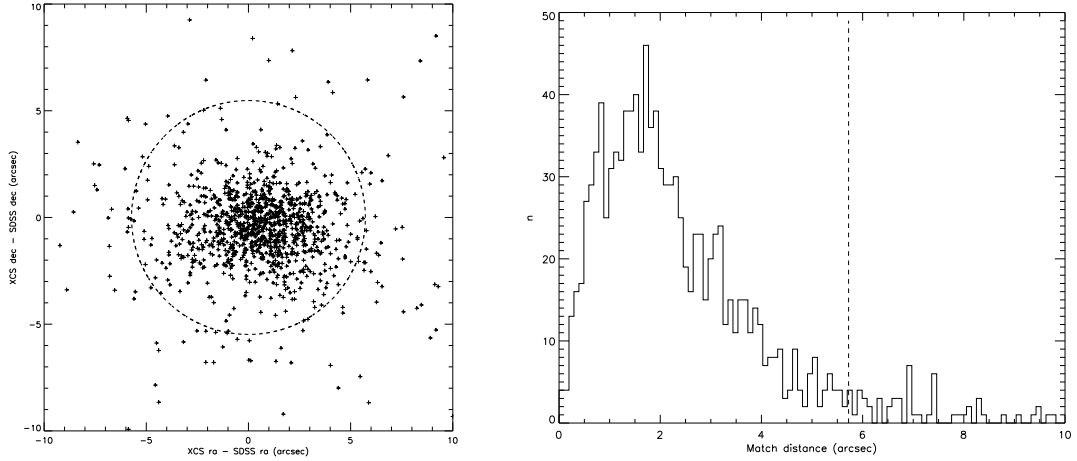


Figure 4.5: The relative position of the matches between DR3 and The SDSS Quasar Catalog IV. The dashed line represents the 95% matching radius

This cross match was also done in Davidson (2005) for the DR1 catalogue, and he found a 95% matching radius of $7.8''$.

Number of Veroncat AGNs+QSOs	106958
Total number of matches in $10''$	2807
AGN matches	947
QSO matches	1860
95% matching radius	$6.56''$
Mean distance	$2.62''$
Median distance	$2.17''$
Standard deviation	$1.80''$
mean(XCS RA - VeronCat RA)	$0.37''$
mean(XCS Dec - VeronCat Dec)	$-0.20''$

Table 4.2: A summary of the results of the cross match between DR3 and VeronCat.

The use of VeronCat gives 2807 matched sources, the mean, median, and standard deviation of which indicate a slightly larger amount of scatter in the match distribution compared to the SDSS quasars, this can be seen in Figure 4.6. The systematic offset in RA and Dec is still present, although it is reduced in both directions.

The above work confirms the positional accuracy of the DR3 source list to within that expected from the instrument. The number of matches with the SDSS data is also encouraging, being significantly larger in number than that already in the literature.

When cross matching two catalogues there will be a certain number of matches that occur purely by chance. For example, a randomly placed source will always be associated with a real source given a large enough matching radius. The radius at which this random matching begins to dominate any genuine matching is dependent on the source density,

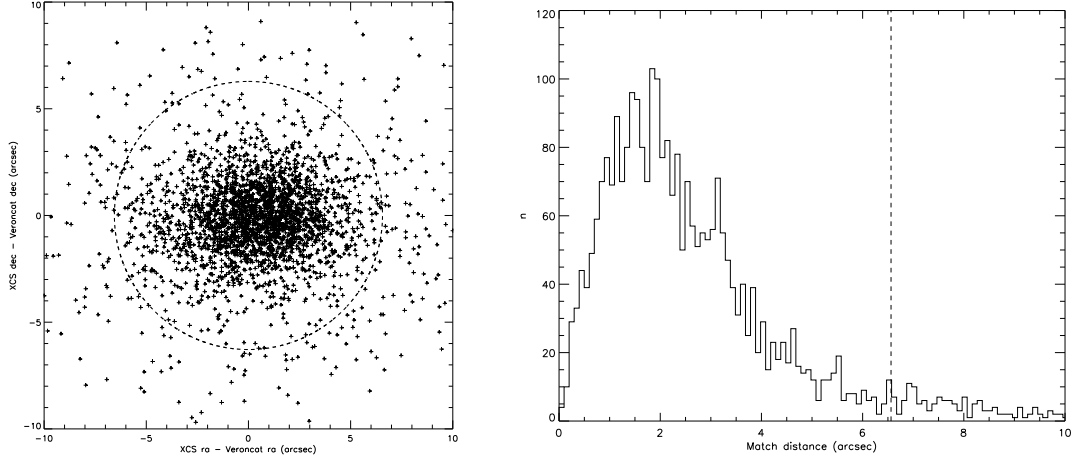


Figure 4.6: The relative position of the matches between DR3 and VeronCat. The dashed line represents the 95% matching radius

and the footprint of the catalogues in question. For catalogues such as XCS and VeronCat this is complicated further as neither catalogue is contiguous, however we can still get a reasonable estimate of the number of random matches. In order to do this we can offset the VeronCat sources in a random direction by a large enough amount to remove any possibility of genuine association. This was done 5 times, with offsets of 0.02, 0.1, 0.25, 0.5, and 1.0 degrees. The number of matches with these 5 realisations, with a $10''$ radius, is an average of 31. Figure 4.7 shows how both the number of false matches and the number of matches against the real catalogue vary with radius. As expected the number of false matches is an increasing function of radius, however the number of matches obtained from the real data has already begun to level off at $10''$. The desire to generate as many matches as possible, while minimising the number of false matches, means that $10''$ is the natural choice of match radius; it returns a large number of matches, while keeping the probability of any given association being false low ($\sim 0.1\%$).

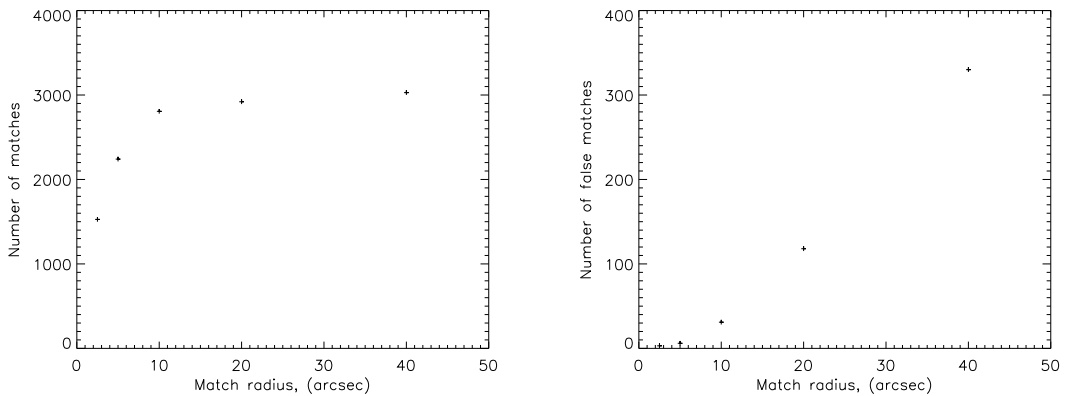


Figure 4.7: Left: The number of matches between XCS and VeronCat as a function of match radius. Right: The number of matches between XCS and the offset VeronCat as a function of match radius.

4.3.2 X-ray point source catalogues

2XMMi

Having assessed the quality of the source positions, we can now look in more detail at the source properties. As discussed in Section 3.5, the 2XMM catalogue of Watson et al. (2009) is a natural choice of comparison project, and as in Section 4.2 we used the updated version, 2XMMi here. A summary of the catalogue sizes is shown in Table 4.3. In Section 3.5 we discussed the difference in the number of sources between DR1+DR2 and 2XMM, and the same reasons for this are true here. As before, a $10''$ matching radius has been used to produce the flux comparisons in Figure 4.8. The flux offsets seen in Figure 3.6 are now much smaller, below 10% for MOS1 and PN. The MOS2 offset is not only larger than for the other cameras, but also has a larger amount of scatter, however as seen in Figure 4.4(a) the DR3 MOS camera fluxes are in very good agreement with each other, and so the offset is likely a result of the 2XMMi calibration (See Section 3.5) rather than of any undiagnosed issue with XCS.

The improvement seen in Figure 4.8 compared to Figure 3.6 demonstrates that the work by E. Lloyd-Davies that has gone into making new images, exposure maps, and ECF's for DR3 has been worthwhile.

Name	Obsids	Detections	Sources
DR3	4214	179530	146842
2XMMi	4653	289083	221170

Table 4.3: A summary of the DR2, DR3 and 2XMMi catalogue sizes.

CDFN and CDFS

To understand the flux calibration of XCS in a more meaningful manner it is necessary to see how the results compare to a project using a different instrument. Due to its excellent resolution, Chandra should produce well-calibrated fluxes, and so is the ideal instrument for this purpose. The 2 deep fields, Chandra Deep Field North (CDFN) (Alexander et al., 2003) and Chandra Deep Field South (CDFS) (Giacconi et al., 2002), provide large areas that have been analysed in a consistent manner. Both projects also publish fluxes which can be expected to be of high accuracy due to the depth of the observations. Using a $10''$ radius there are 102 and 114 matches with the CDFN and CDFS respectively, and the fluxes here are also in good agreement (See Figure 4.9).

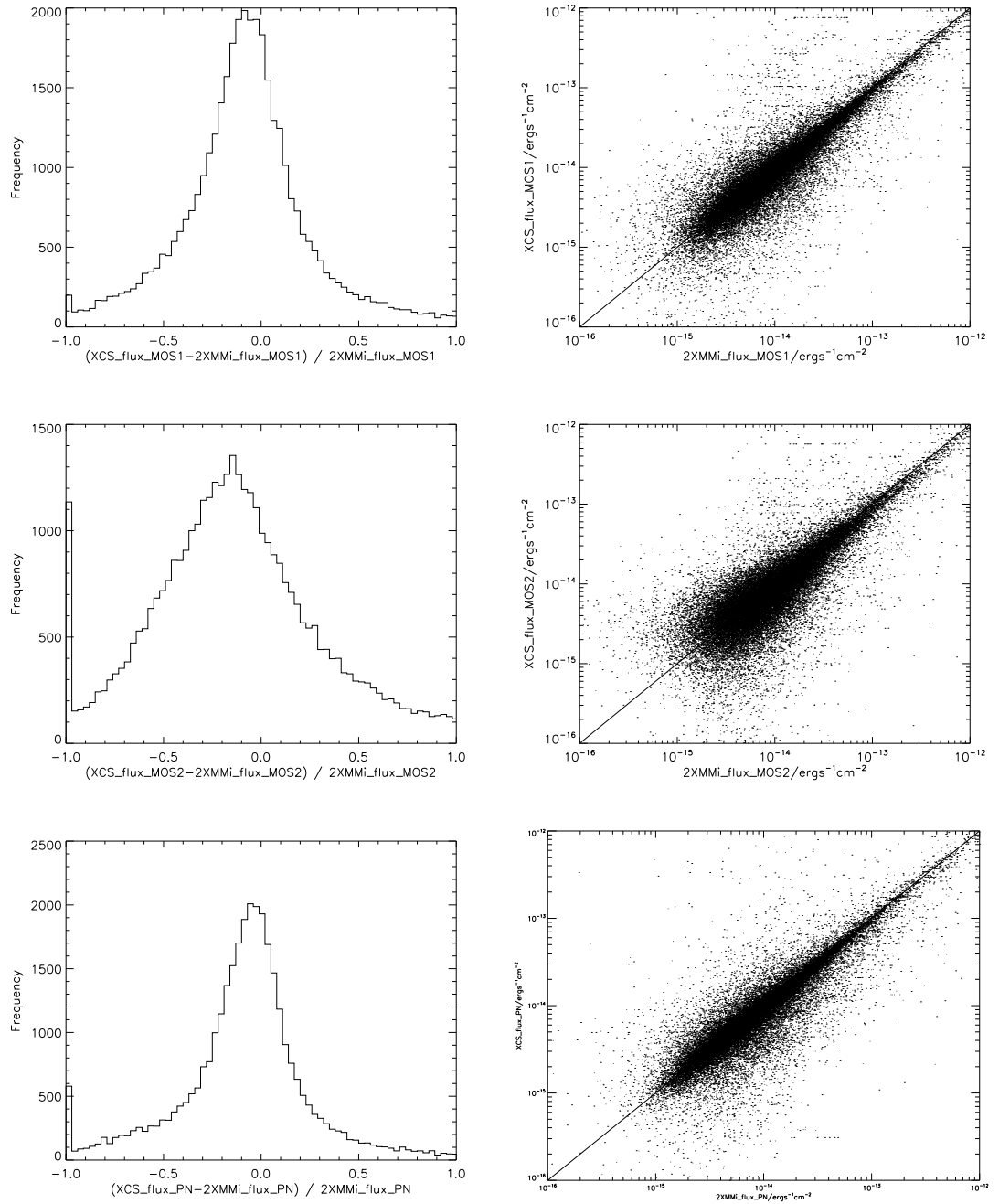


Figure 4.8: A comparison of the individual camera fluxes of DR3 Sources vs their matches in 2XMMi.

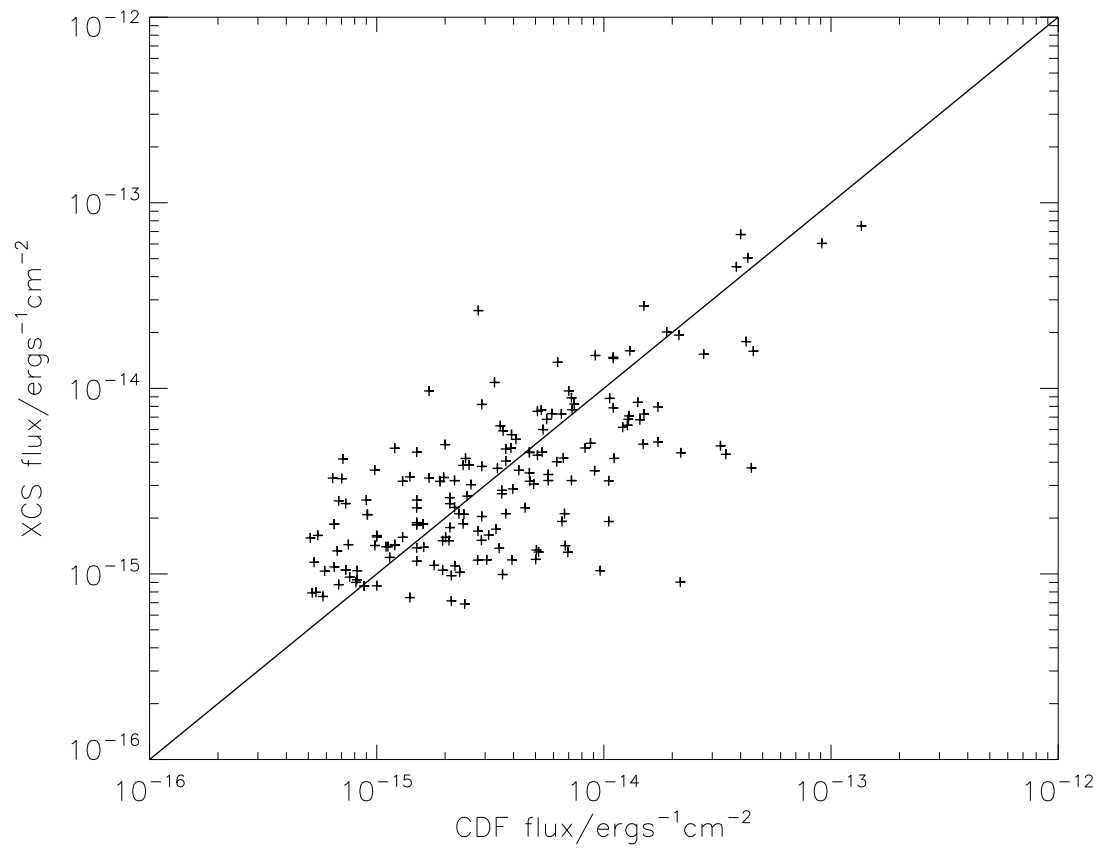


Figure 4.9: A flux comparison of DR3 and the Chandra deep fields. This includes matches for both CDFN and CDFS.

4.3.3 X-ray cluster catalogues: XMM-LSS

In Sections 4.3.1 and 4.3.2 we have compared the XCS DR3 point sources with samples taken from the archives. The situation for extended sources is less straight-forward. There is no equivalent extended source catalogue that is both homogenous and large enough to be of use in validating a significant amount of DR3. The employed alternative is make use of extensive simulations (See Chapters 5 and 6). These assess XAPA's reliability in detecting and correctly classifying the extended emission from clusters of galaxies. However there are smaller XMM cluster surveys with which XCS has overlap, e.g the XMM-LSS.

The XMM Large Scale Structure (XMM-LSS) Survey is reported in Pierre et al. (2007) and Pacaud et al. (2007). It covers a single contiguous region of roughly 6 deg^2 , comprised of 51 XMM pointings, in which the authors have undertaken a dedicated cluster survey, accompanied by a detailed selection function. In this region they detected 33 'Class 1' extended objects (Pierre et al., 2007), a class designed to be uncontaminated by misclassified point sources. A more detailed look at these objects (including optical overlays, photometry and spectroscopy) has confirmed 28 of these to be genuine clusters (Pacaud et al., 2007); the remaining 5 were shown to be nearby X-ray emitting galaxies. 29 of the 33 Class 1 objects have matches in DR3 that are classified as extended. This includes 2 of the non-cluster objects, the other 3 of which XAPA classified as pointlike (See Figure 4.10). There remains one XMM-LSS Class 1 cluster (XLSS J022210.7-024048) that is not recovered by XCS; XAPA detects a source at this location but it is removed from the final list as it does not meet the 4σ significance requirement (See Figure 4.11).

The radius used in the matching of DR3 to the XMM-LSS was typically $10''$. However for XLSS J022433.8-041405 a radius of $24''$ was required to get a match; this source is large and elliptical, hence there is some uncertainty in the source centre, though the extent of the XCS source and its XLSS counterpart are overlapping.

The XMM-LSS also have a C2 class of clusters with slightly less conservative selection criteria. This sample is yet to be published, but the authors report this class to contain ~ 60 sources. Within the XMM-LSS obsids, XCS detects 82 extended objects that pass the usual filtering (See Section 3.3.3), and after applying a 300 count cut (see Section 3.6.1) 17 remain.

Although XAPA does measure fluxes for extended sources they are not suitable for scientific application. The difficulties inherent with extended sources (PSF correction, background subtraction etc.) necessitate a separate analysis of the detected objects to measure fluxes, luminosities and temperatures. This is being undertaken by E. Lloyd-Davies (see Appendix I). At the time of writing the XCS determination of the XMM-LSS Class 1 luminosities and temperatures are not available for inclusion in this thesis.

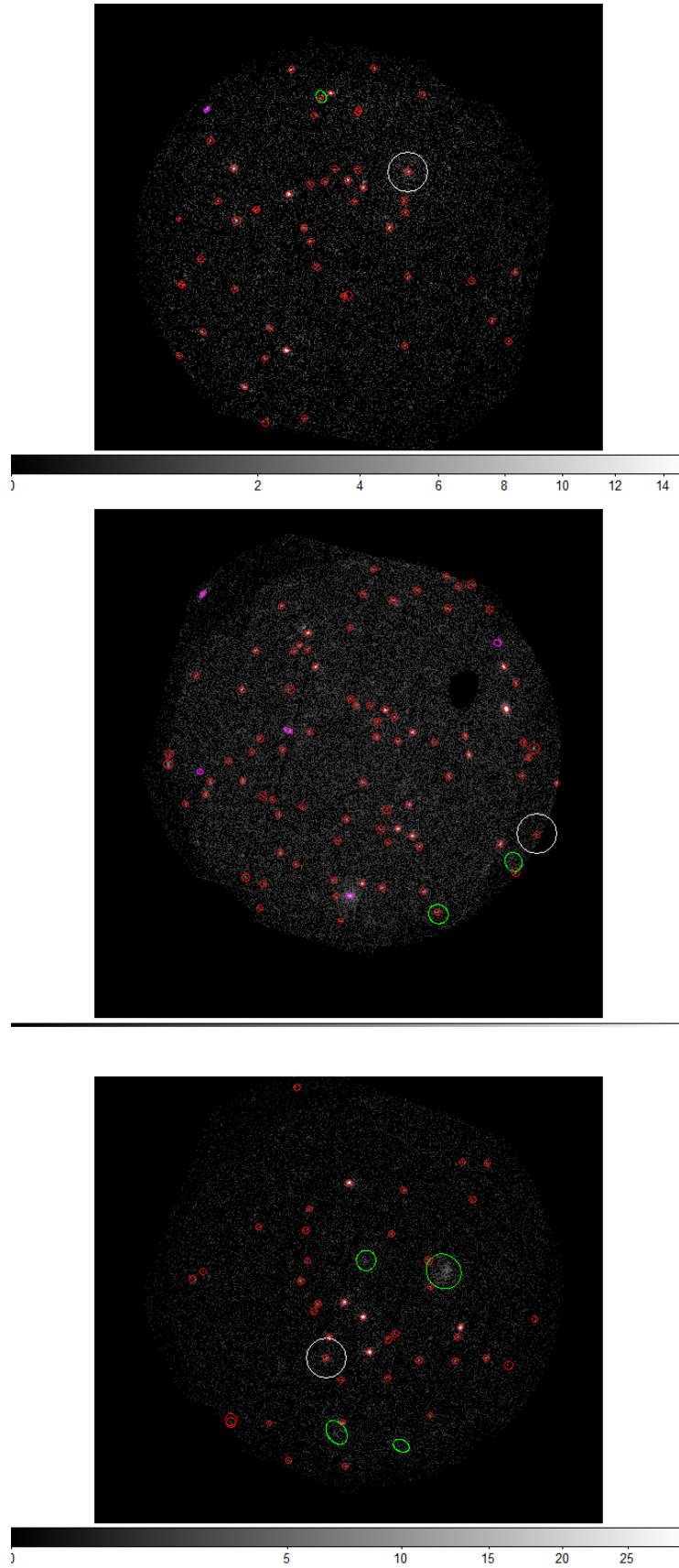


Figure 4.10: Circled in white are 3 XMM-LSS Class 1 objects shown to be nearby X-ray emitting galaxies, recovered as point sources by XAPA.

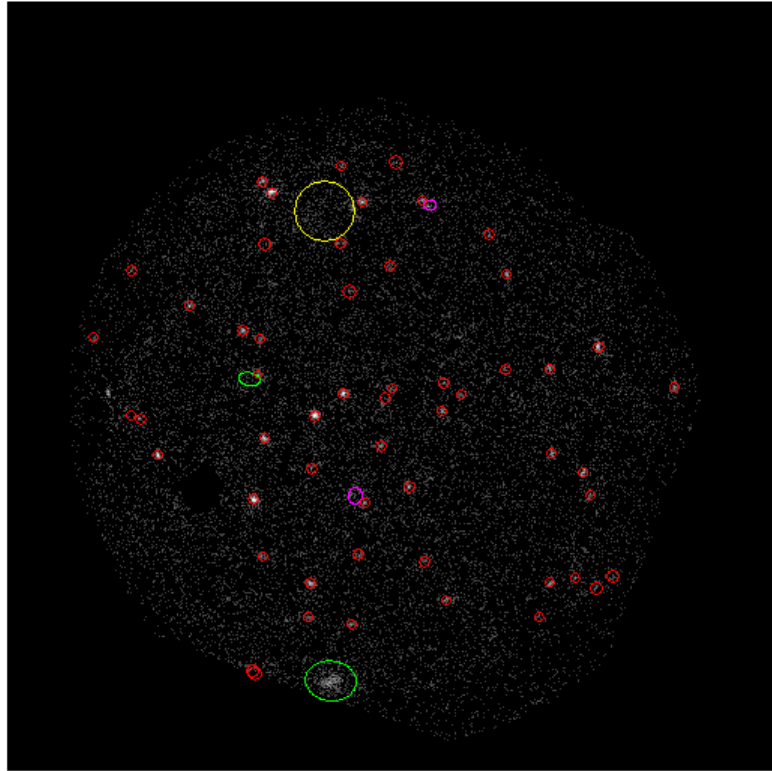


Figure 4.11: The yellow circle encloses the location of XLSS J022210.7-024048. The source was cleaned from the XCS source list as it is of low significance.

4.4 The DR3 Catalogue

4.4.1 Basic StatSam

A vast number of extended sources are detected in DR3, more than double that in DR1, this section will describe some of the properties of the catalogue with the aim of assisting future work reliant on the source lists (e.g redshift follow-up). Table 4.4 summarises the number of sources detected in the 4214 observations comprising DR3. The point source catalogue contains 131694 unique sources. After applying the same StatSam filters as before (See Section 3.6) to the extended source list there are 4092 cluster candidates, 1402 of which are detected with ≥ 300 counts. The sky positions of the DR3 obsids and the DR3 XCS300 are shown in Figure 4.12. The total, non-overlapping area¹ of DR3 is 522.29 deg², and the available StatSam area amounts to 229.73 deg².

Obsids	Detections	Sources	Point Sources	StatSam
4214	179530	146842	131694	4092

Table 4.4: A summary of DR3 catalogue properties.

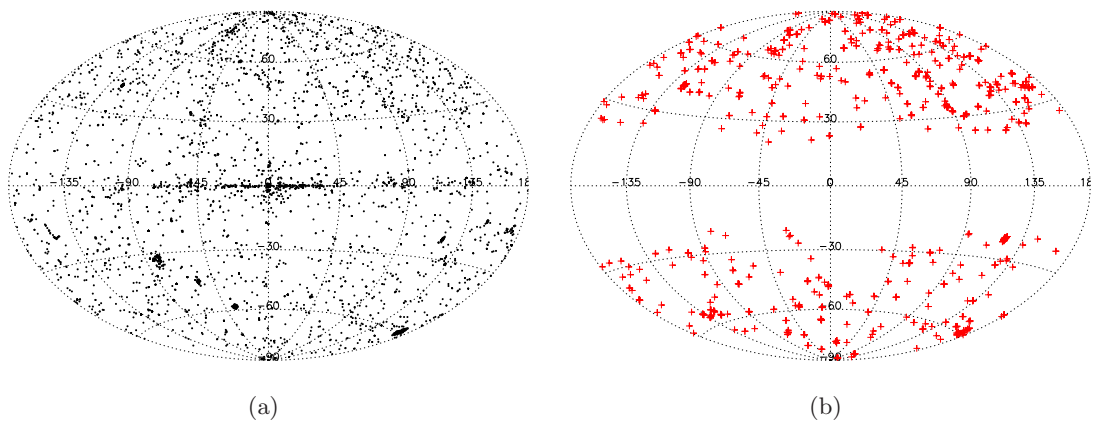


Figure 4.12: Sky positions of (a) DR3 obsids and (b) DR3 StatSam XCS300 in Galactic co-ordinates (Aitoff projection).

¹E. Lloyd-Davies, private communication

4.5 DR3 redetections of known clusters, and removal of non-cluster extended sources

As in Section 3.6 we can make use of the NED and SIMBAD databases to better understand the StatSam candidate list. Aside from galaxy clusters/groups there are other astronomical objects which may be detected as extended in the X-ray bands, these include Planetary Nebula (PN), HII regions (HII) and Supernova remnants (SN). Using the literature databases enables a removal of known sources of these types, thus cleaning the candidate list of unwanted objects. As before the catalogues are also utilised to determine the number of serendipitous re-detections of known clusters and groups. The difficulty in doing the above is the choice of matching radius. PN, HII and SN can all be incredibly large; however the largest regions will have been masked out of the DR3 footprint, so only small and/or distant regions need be considered, but still the choice of radius is not obvious. For clusters and groups the situation is also not clear. The literature positions of clusters and groups are in some cases defined by the optical positions of the galaxies, which are not always in exactly the same position as the X-ray emission from the gas. Taking these points into consideration suggests using a large matching radius, but this may cause mis-association of new candidates that are incidentally close (in terms of angular separation) to known objects. To fully assess the best way of cross matching inhomogenous catalogues from different wavebands would require an enormous amount of work, and is beyond the needs of this thesis. Table 4.5 contains the results of the cross matching for radii $1'$. What is clear is that DR3 contains numerous re-detections of known objects, and those objects with literature matches should be examined in more detail before committing follow-up resources, i.e. telescope time.

PN + HII	SN	Groups	Clusters
108	38	28	277

Table 4.5: NED and SIMBAD associations with DR3 extended sources using radii of $1'$

4.6 Removal of highly elliptical candidates

We have demonstrated XAPA’s ability to detect and classify known clusters. The completeness of the sample is thoroughly assessed through simulations presented in Chapters 5 and 6, but experience with DR1 has shown that contamination of the candidate list is an issue. Section 3.3.1 details how image artifacts that may cause spurious detections are masked out of the images. However, despite this masking, spurious sources do remain. These are often apparent upon visual inspection as the majority are highly elliptical. Figure 5.16 demonstrates how well XAPA performs in detecting elliptical objects, this holds even if the sources are spurious. An appropriate ellipticity cut can help remove some of the contamination in the source list. Plotted in Figure 4.13 are the ellipticities of the XCS detection of the known clusters and groups. The ellipticities are defined based on the major and minor axis of the source ellipses given by XAPA (Equation 4.1). The source ellipse is constructed from the set of multi-scale WAVDETECT ellipses that make up the source (see Davidson (2005) for details).

$$e = 1 - (\text{minor axis}/\text{major axis}) \quad (4.1)$$

Table 4.6 contains StatSam numbers for known clusters and new candidates using the same matching radii as Table 4.5, also shown are the numbers after the application of a ≥ 300 count cut, and an additional cut of $e \leq 0.6$. The ellipticity cut does exclude 3 – 4% of the known clusters. However it removes $\sim 25\%$ of the new candidates, the majority of the remaining sources could reasonably be expected to be genuine, physical objects. A lower e cut would improve this further, however it is important that as few genuine clusters are rejected as possible. Work by Mohr et al. (1995) found real clusters have $0.0 \leq e \leq 0.6$, and so this cut seems justified. A true quantification of the contamination levels will not be possible until follow-up has been undertaken, by which time the real clusters will have been confirmed.

	Known Clusters & Groups	New Candidates
StatSam	305	3701
soft counts ≥ 300	159	1206
scts ≥ 300 , $e \leq 0.6$	152	895

Table 4.6: Known StatSam clusters/groups and new candidates, using matching radii of $1'$. DR3 StatSam matched against NED and SIMBAD.

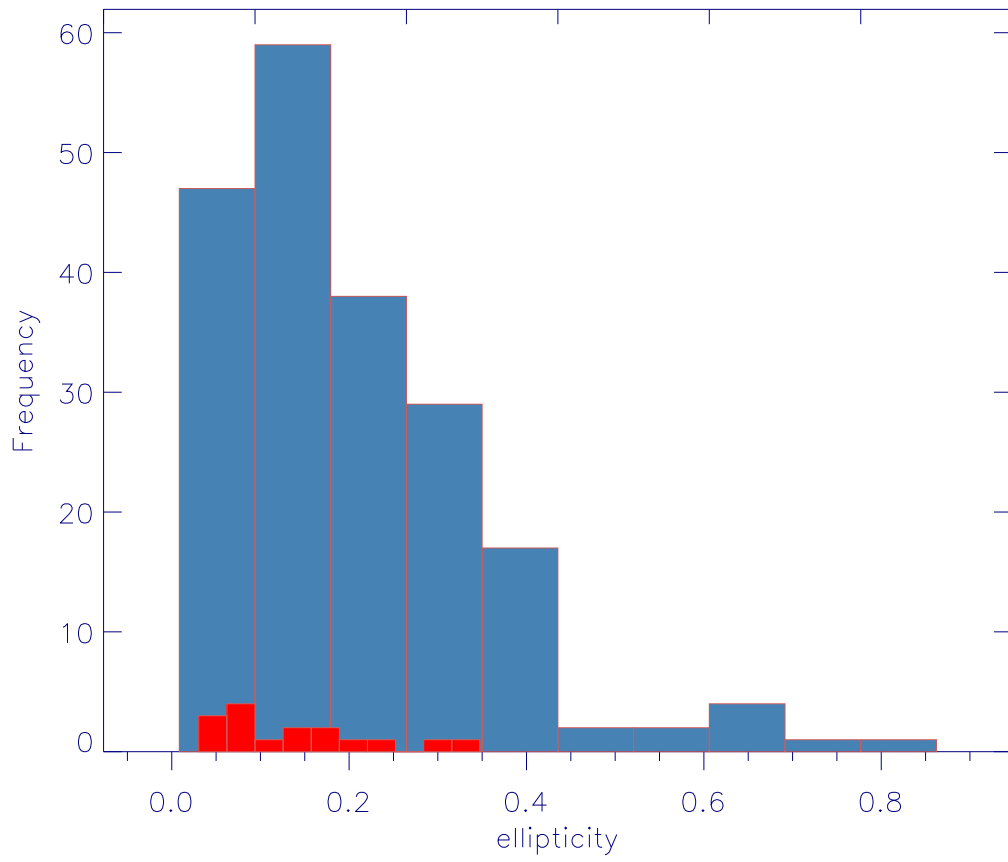


Figure 4.13: A histogram showing the ellipticities of the XCS detections of known clusters (blue) and groups (red) listed in NED and SIMBAD.

4.7 The DR3 StatSam cluster candidate list

The DR3 StatSam is presented in Appendix D. Tables D.1 and D.2 contain the re-detections of known clusters and the new candidate objects respectively. The literature matching radius to define this sample is $30''$.

The table columns are named as follows:

- **XCS Name** XCS name of the source.
- **Obsid** XMM observation in which the source was found.
- **RA** Right Ascension of the source (J2000.0).
- **Dec** Declination of the source (J2000.0).
- **Counts** Source counts in 0.5 – 2.0 keV band.
- **Flux** Flux in 0.5 – 2.0 keV, using Point Source ECF.
- **Literature Name** Literature name of the source.
- **Match Distance** Distance to Literature position ($''$)
- **Literature Redshift** Literature redshift *.
- **Sig** Significance of source, $-\log(P)$, where P is the probability of the source being a background fluctuation. 'NaN' indicates that P is so close to zero that $-\log(P)$ is undefined using the current machine accuracy, i.e. the source is extremely significant.

* The XCS measured redshifts are tabulated separately, see Section 4.9.

Two example objects from the DR3 New candidates can be seen in Figures 4.14 and 4.15. Shown in Figures 4.16 and 4.17 are serendipitous DR3 re-detections of Abell clusters 2634 and 0150.

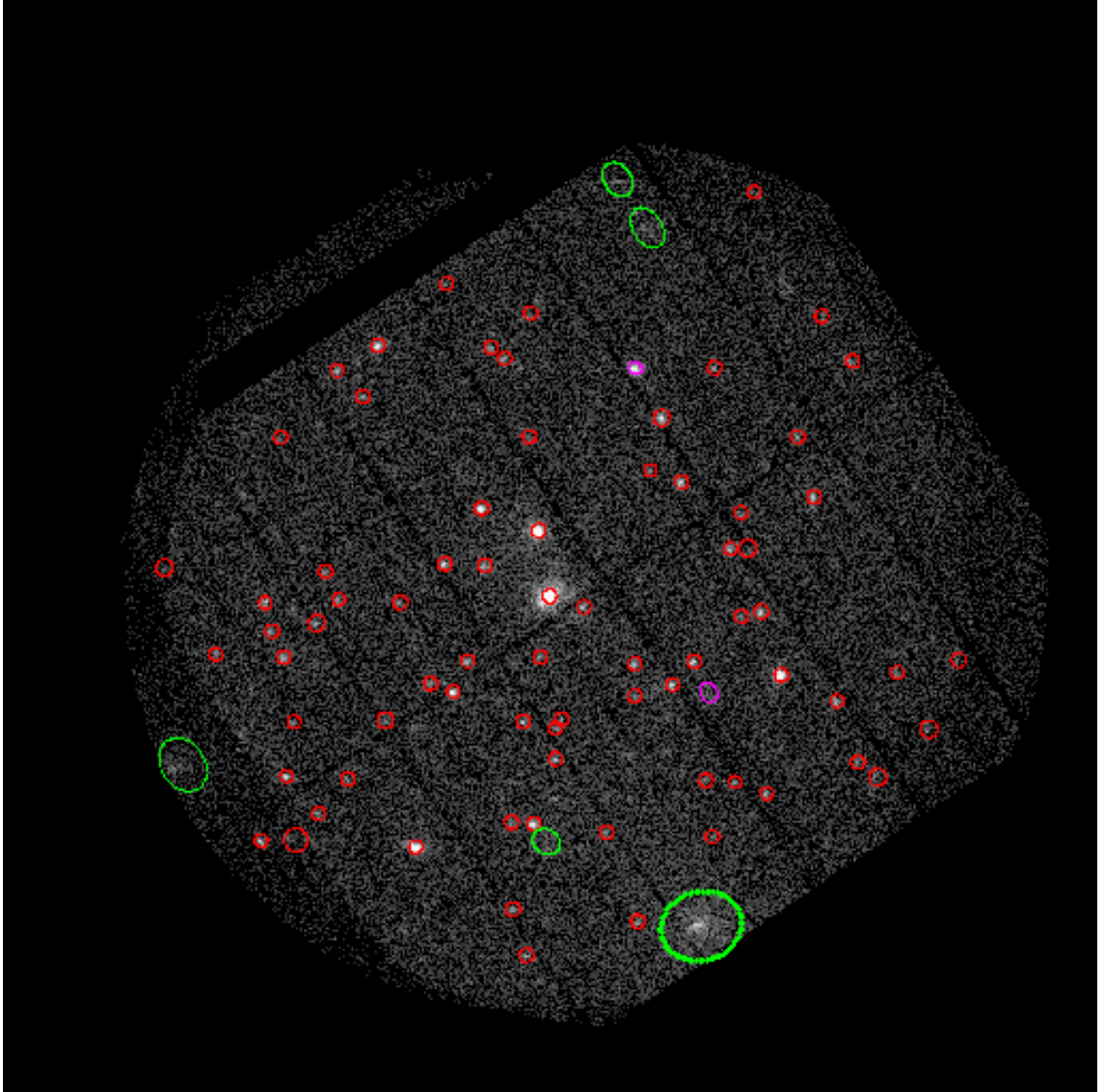


Figure 4.14: XMM observation 0200250101, with detected sources circled. Red circles are pointsources, Magenta ellipses denote PSF-sized sources, Green ellipses are extended sources. The bold green ellipse is XMMXCS J091820.8+690101.1, a DR3 StatSam New candidate detected with 2070 counts in the 0.5-2.0keV band.

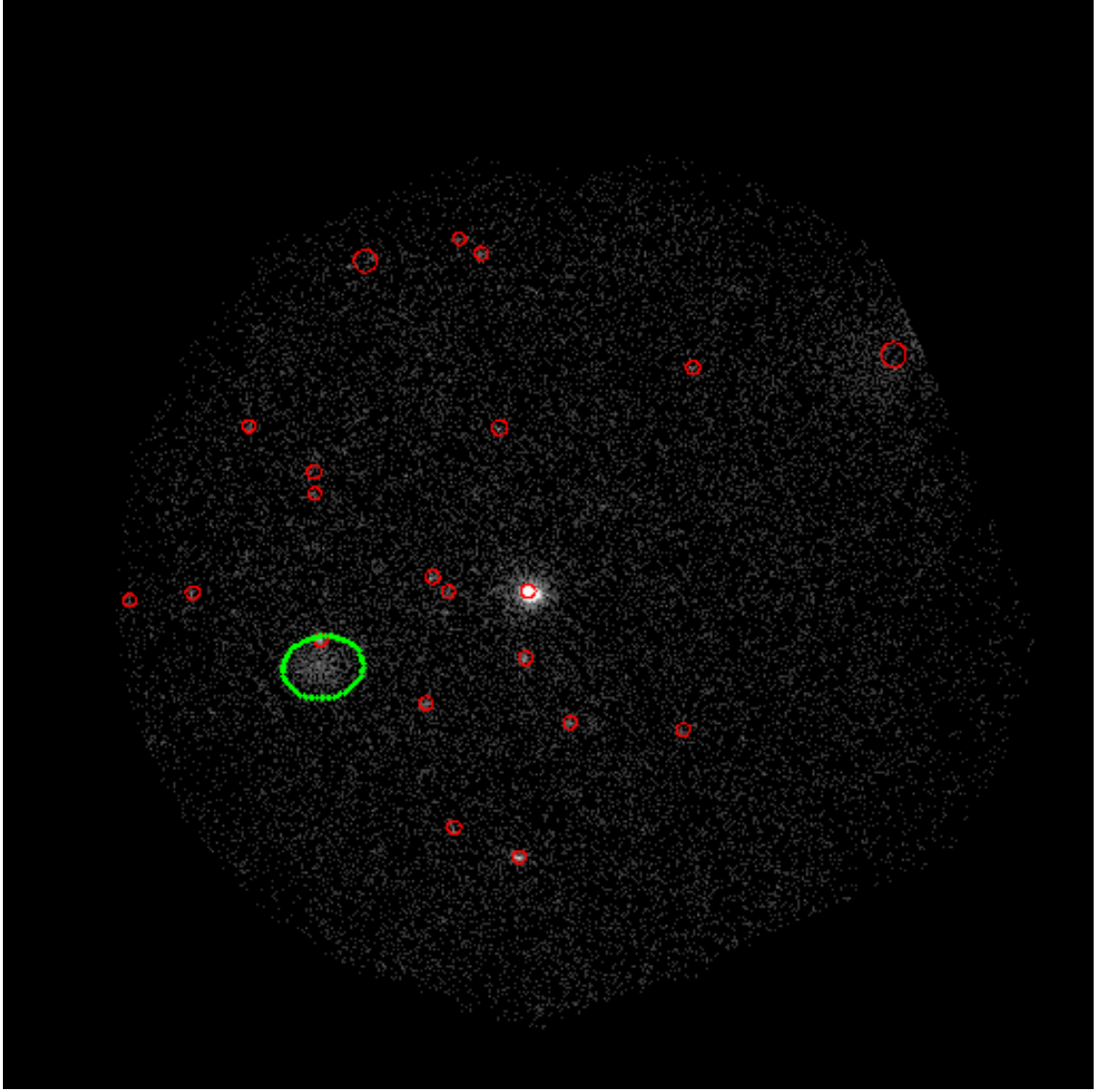


Figure 4.15: XMM observation 0200430801. Ellipse colour definitions are the same as in Figure 4.14. The bold green ellipse is XMMXCS J133511.8-232920.9, a DR3 StatSam New candidate detected with 1068 counts in the 0.5-2.0keV band.

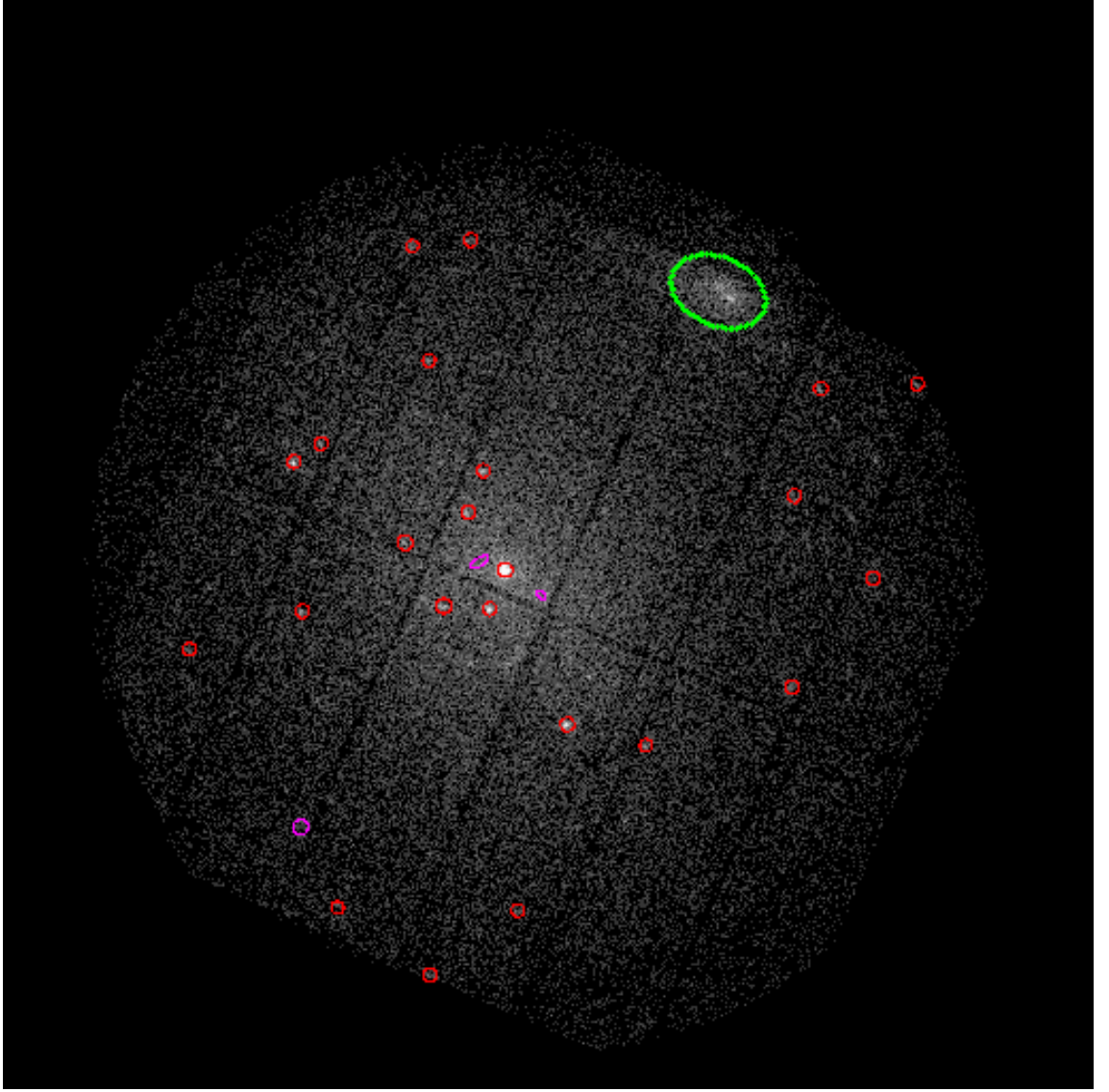


Figure 4.16: XMM observation 0002960101. Ellipse colour definitions are the same as in Figure 4.14. The bold green ellipse is a serendipitous re-detection of Abell 2634 at $z=0.03$, detected with 2386 counts in the 0.5-2.0keV band.

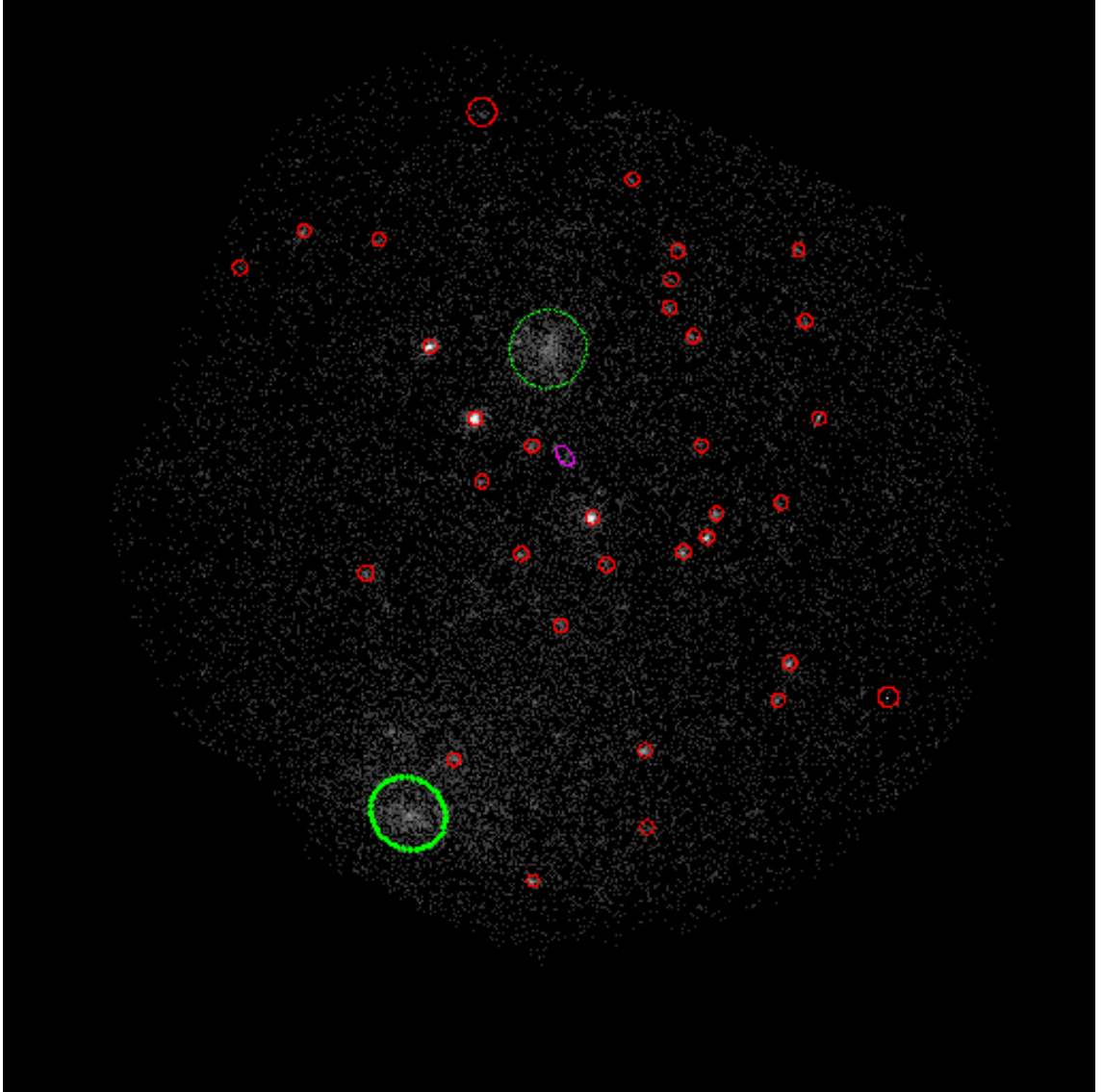


Figure 4.17: XMM observation 0203280301. Ellipse colour definitions are the same as in Figure 4.14. The bold green ellipse is a serendipitous re-detection of Abell 0150 at $z=0.06$, detected with 1549 counts in the 0.5-2.0keV band.

4.8 Online Database

The tables of data presented in this thesis are only a small representation of the vast amount of data produced by XCS. It has always been a stated aim of the project to make as much of the data as possible accessible to the astronomical community. Naturally, the best way to do this is via an online database.

A series of tables were designed in Davidson (2005) with this in mind. To maintain consistency this design has been kept.

- **Observation Table** Describes each of the XMM observations that make up the XCS archive.
- **Detection Table** Contains information on every detection in the merged images.
- **IndivExpProp Table** More detailed detection information from each individual camera
- **Source Table** Contains only unique sources

(See Appendix E for a description of the table columns). As part of this thesis work, the tables have been compiled into a relational MYSQL database to enable fast crossmatching and information retrieval. In addition the author has also designed and created webpages for each cluster candidate enabling visual inspection of the data (see Figure 4.18). The pages include relevant information from the database, literature and XCS redshifts, multi-band images with overlaid X-ray contours, and links to any likely matches in NED. These pages will all be linked into the database when it goes online. In the mean time it is possible to sort the data by ra, dec, counts, flux, and redshift via a series of summary pages.

These resources are currently only available to the XCS collaboration and affiliates, however a wider release is expected to happen as part of the natural progression of the project.

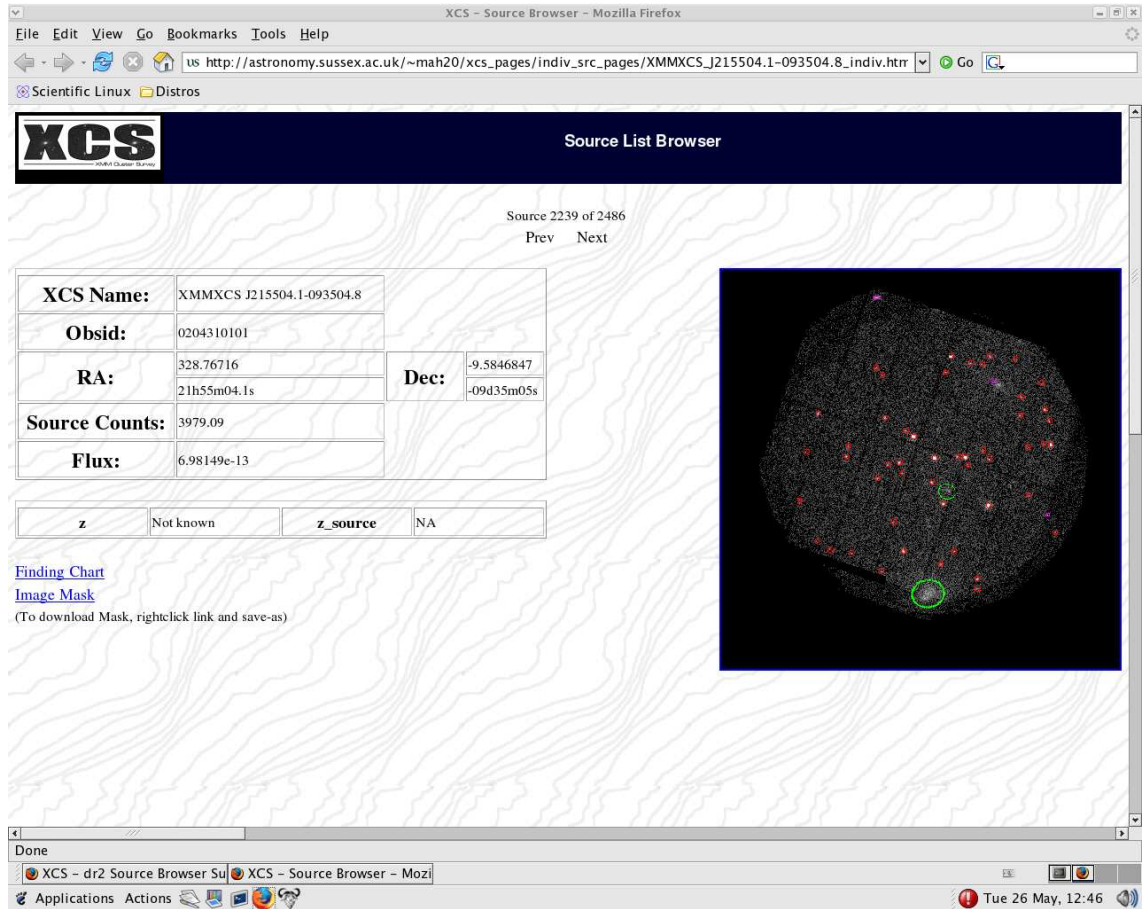


Figure 4.18: An example from the XCS Source Browser pages. Each page also contains multi-waveband images of the source (eg. SDSS, DSS, NVSS, 2MASS) and any likely matches from NED.

4.9 DR3 StatSam redshift follow-up

4.9.1 NXS and literature redshifts

The NXS survey was completed prior to the construction of DR3. However, since DR1 and DR2 are both fully contained within DR3, all of the DR1 and DR2 sources with NXS redshifts are also part of DR3. This amounts to 185 clusters with $0.1 \leq z \leq 1.0$ (See Section 3.7)

The search of the NED and SIMBAD archives described in Section 4.4 has also produced a list of up to 406 known clusters and groups (406 matches with a $2'$ search radius), many of which already have redshifts. The retrieval of reliable redshifts from such archives is complex: the archives are drawn from multiple sources, meaning that some quoted redshifts are of lesser quality than others. A variable radius to match XCS candidates to the known objects should also be used; for example, the radius suitable at $z = 0.1$ will not be appropriate for sources at $z = 1.0$. The archives may also contain galaxies with known redshifts, where we detect X-ray emission, these galaxies may not have been associated with a cluster before and so a more complex method than simply searching for known clusters must be implemented. This work is on going (E. Lloyd-Davies).

4.9.2 DR3 XCS300 redshifts using SDSS DR7

This section of text has been edited from that provided by N. Merhtens (Private communication), describing part of her follow-up work on the candidates presented in this thesis.

XCS DR3 contains 1513 cluster candidates (This number is before any literature checks were done) detected with at least 300 measured soft counts. Therefore with a measured redshift for each of these clusters an X-ray temperature estimate can be derived. Of these 1513, candidates 827 fall within the survey regions of the latest public Sloan Digital Sky Survey (SDSS) data release DR7 (Abazajian et al., 2009).

Galaxy catalogs were downloaded from the public SDSS data archive ² containing dereddened model r' - and z' - band magnitudes for all galaxies within a $20'$ radius of each cluster candidate. The NXS redshift algorithm (See Appendix C) was then run on these SDSS galaxy catalogs with the slight modification that a fixed external field sample was used as opposed to a local field sample around each candidate. A field sample was created using all galaxies within a 0.5° radius centered on the coordinates (22^h00^m , $00^\circ00'$). Once again, potential cluster galaxies were chosen from within twice the X-ray extent of each cluster candidate.

²<http://www.sdss.org/dr7/>

As a result, 524 clusters (shown in H.2) were detected with at least 5 member galaxies with redshift estimates ranging between $0.1 \leq z \leq 0.75$, 437 of which are new cluster candidates to DR3.

4.10 Future work

4.10.1 New PSF model incorporation: DR4

The DR3 point source catalogue is being used by Dubois & Lloyd-Davies et al. (in prep) to create a better PSF model than those currently available. When complete this model will be incorporated into XAPA for the production of DR4.

4.10.2 Point-Source selection function & $\log N$ - $\log S$

The large number of point sources in DR3 will enable us to put together a sample population with which to measure the point source selection function. With this we will then be able to determine the XCS measurement of the point source $\log N$ - $\log S$.

4.11 Summary

The total, non-overlapping area of DR3 is 522.29 deg^2 , and the available StatSam area amounts to 229.73 deg^2 . DR3 has extended the total area covered by XCS (from the DR1+DR2 area) by $\sim 70\%$, and increased the number of StatSam cluster candidates by a factor of 2. Using a $1'$ radius to search the literature: there are 1365 StatSam cluster candidates with > 300 counts, 159 of which are already listed in NED as being known clusters/groups. This corresponds to ~ 6 serendipitous > 300 count candidates per deg^2 . This is greater than the source density in DR1+DR2 due to the improvements made in the source list creation (see Section 4.1). For comparison the 400d survey find ~ 0.75 candidates per deg^2 with fluxes $> 1.4 \times 10^{-13} \text{ ergs s}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-2}$. The XMM-LSS find 5.4 ‘C1’ clusters per deg^2 and estimate ~ 12 ‘C2’ per deg^2 (the C2 clusters have not yet been published).

We can potentially measure temperatures for all these DR3 XCS300 candidates, once redshifts are known. 709 redshifts have already been obtained from NXS and SDSS and other literature data. The temperature fitting is currently underway (E. Lloyd-Davies), and at present there are 227 DR3 clusters with both temperature and redshift measurements (See Table H.3 in Appendix H), although most of these have come from DR1+DR2. This is already a significant improvement over the samples in the literature, see Table 4.7. A

preliminary XCS $L - T$ relation is shown in Figure 4.19.

Survey	Data	Clusters	z range
HIFLUGS	Rosat	63	0.005 - 0.2
Maughan et al.	Chandra	115	0.1 - 0.3
O'Hara et al.	Chandra	70	0.18 - 1.24
400SD	Chandra	36	0.35 - 0.9
XMM-LSS	XMM	29	0.05 - 1.05
XCS300	XMM	227	0.003 - 1.457

Table 4.7: Literature cluster samples with measured temperature and redshifts. Also added is the current size of the XCS300 sample with temperatures and redshifts.

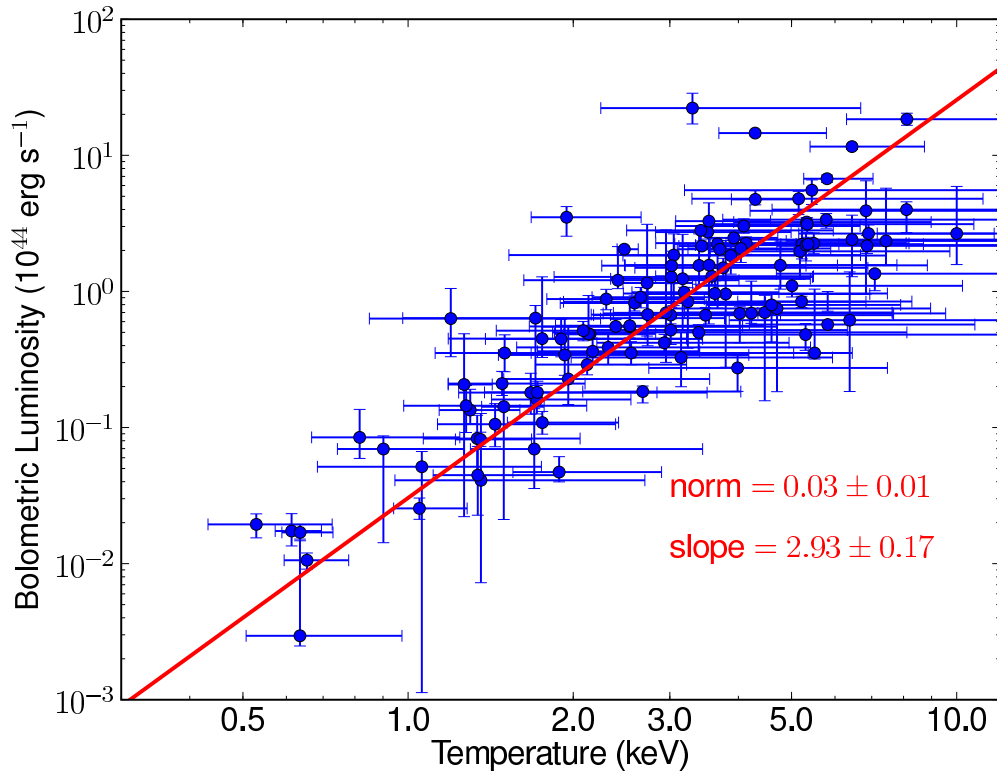


Figure 4.19: A preliminary XCS $L - T$ relation. Figure courtesy of E. Lloyd-Davies.

In addition to the large cluster sample that will come from DR3, Campbell et al. (in prep) have used the DR3 point source catalogue to find 11 high-quality isolated neutron star candidates. These candidates are mostly new to DR3.

With the construction of DR3 the XCS expect to have a sample of ~ 1000 clusters with redshifts, and the potential to measure temperatures for the majority of these. This will be significantly larger than any other homogenous sample of clusters.

The current distribution of the DR3 cluster redshifts is displayed in Figure 4.20.

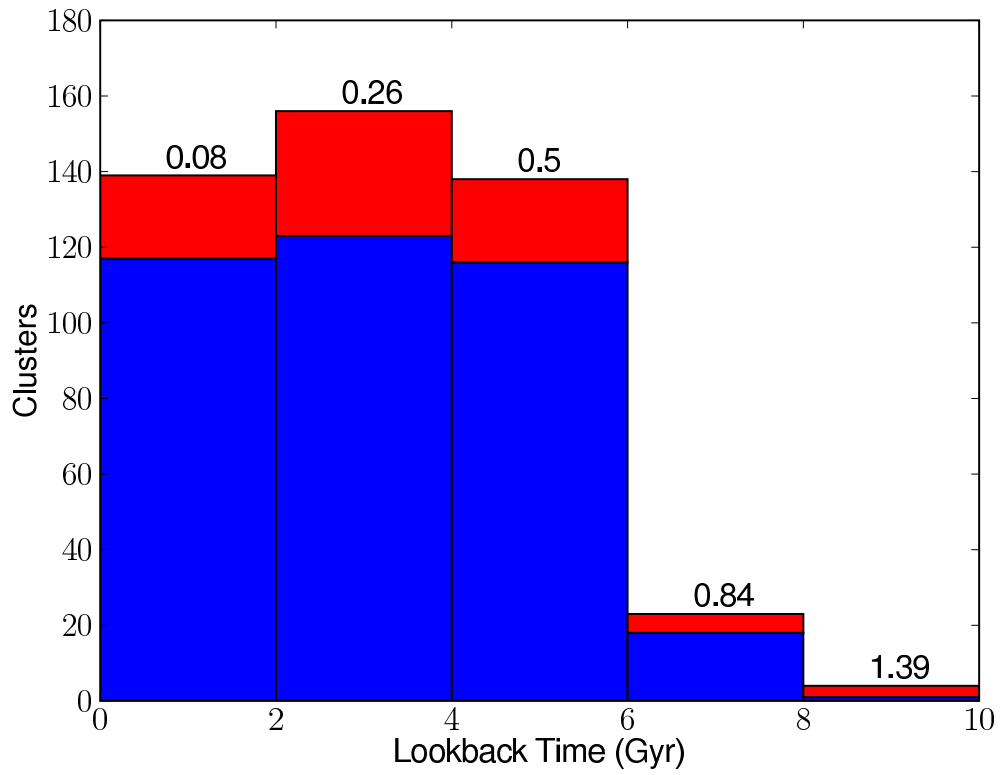


Figure 4.20: A histogram of the lookback time of DR3 clusters with measured redshifts. The red histogram is for spectroscopic redshifts, the blue histogram is for photometric redshifts. The numbers above the bins are the centre of the bin in redshift space. Figure courtesy of E. Lloyd-Davies.

Chapter 5

XCS Selection Function with Two-Dimensional β profiles.

In this chapter we will discuss the XCS selection function as measured using isothermal β profile clusters. The method was first laid out in Davidson (2005), but the work presented here represents the first full test and application of that method.

We will discuss the selection function applied to the cosmological prediction analysis presented in Sahlén et al. (2009), then look at the effects of the simplifications made in some of the assumptions used therein. Finally we will see how the methods used in this chapter can assist the planning of future studies.

As discussed in the preceeding chapters, many authors are attempting to use the abundance of clusters of galaxies to constrain cosmological parameters. In order to achieve this it is important to realise that it is not currently possible to detect and analyse every cluster in a survey region. Some will not be found, either because they fall below the flux limit of the survey in question, or maybe due to some particular bias in the detection methods. The selection function is a quantitative description of these effects. In addition to cosmological studies, an understanding of the selection function is vital to studies of cluster scaling relations, for example in measuring an $L - T$ relation a survey will preferentially select more luminous clusters, i.e. those above the mean relation. This bias is especially large at high redshift where less luminous clusters are even harder to detect. It has recently been shown that the selection function must be accounted for when studying $L - T$ evolution (Pacaud et al., 2007). The popular way of determining the selection function of a survey is by running a series of fake images through the detection processes, which is the general procedure employed below.

The work in this chapter is split into three main sections:

In Section 5.3 we assume a fixed profile, and vary the cosmology, luminosity, temperature and redshift of our input clusters, within random exposures from the archive. In Section

5.4 we assume a fixed $\Omega_m = 0.3$ and $\Omega_\Lambda = 0.7$ cosmology, and fixed L and T . We then vary the morphological parameters r_c (Section 5.4.1), β (Section 5.4.2), and e (Section 5.4.4), at various redshifts within random exposures from the archive. In Section 5.6 we assume a fixed profile and cosmology, and vary L , T , z selecting the pointings based on exposure time.

5.1 Review of some Selection Function studies in the literature

5.1.1 The 400 Square Degrees ROSAT PSPC Galaxy Cluster Survey

The 400 Square Degrees ROSAT PSPC Galaxy Cluster Survey (hereafter: 400d) (Burenin et al., 2007) has some similarities to XCS, and so we will review their selection function approach here. The 400d survey uses all archival ROSAT PSPC fields that meet the following criteria: Galactic latitude $|b| > 25^\circ$; Galactic absorption $N_H < 10^{21} \text{ cm}^{-2}$; total clean exposure $t_{exp} > 1000\text{s}$, and at least 10° away from both of the Magellanic clouds. The 1610 ROSAT fields that remain cover 397deg^2 and are searched for sources using the same algorithms as used for the 160d survey (Vikhlinin et al., 1998). This implements wavelet-based source detection and source selection based mainly on likelihood fitting of both source existence and extent. This resulted in 287 extended sources with fluxes above $1.4 \times 10^{-13} \text{ ergs s}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-2}$. We note here that DR3 has > 1300 cluster candidates with > 300 counts in 229deg^2 .

To calculate the 400d selection function, the authors create a non-evolving reference population of β -model clusters using a core radius and beta distribution from the Einstein sample of Jones and Forman (1999). The distribution is corrected for a trend in r_c with L_X (approximated as $r_c \propto L_X^{0.5}$ for $L_X < 10^{44} \text{ erg s}^{-1}$). The profiles are made to be elliptical following the distribution of axis ratios from Mohr et al. (1995). The profiles are then distributed over an X-ray luminosity function (XLF) that is taken to be a Schechter (1976) fit to the REFLEX survey data (Böhringer et al., 2002). The resulting detection probability can be seen in Figure 5.1 as a function of r_c .

Burenin et al. (2007) also tested the effects of varying r_c and β to assess the impact of the assumed parameter distributions. In order to cover the range of morphologies seen in the observed population the authors create images of the HIFLUGCS catalogue (Reiprich and Böhringer, 2002) clusters and simulate them over a range of redshifts. They found this produced no real deviation from the detection efficiency as measured from their reference population. Burenin et al argue that the HIFLUGCS sample is unbiased with respect to structure and so conclude that deviations in cluster morphology from the β -model do not play a significant role in the 400d survey selection function.

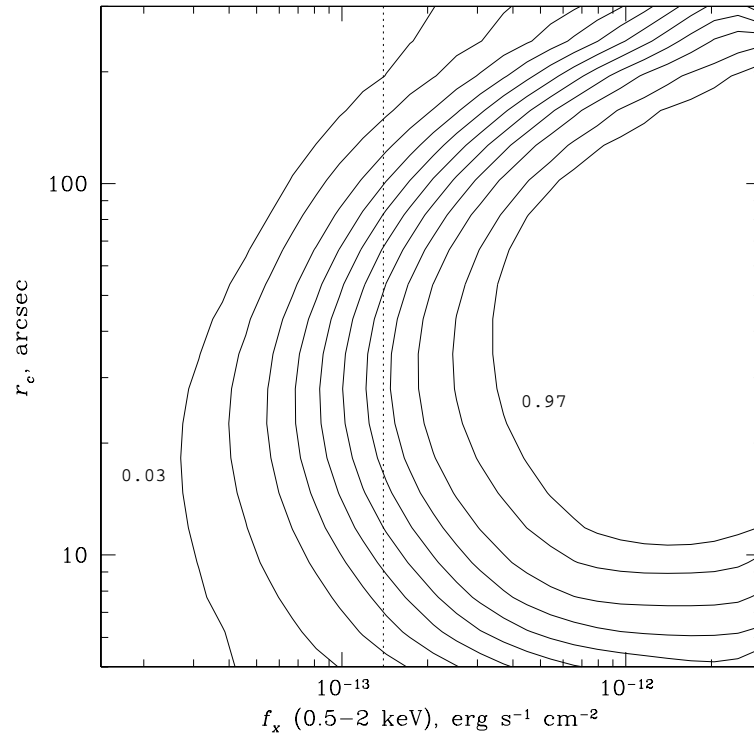


Figure 5.1: Figure 9 from Burenin et al (2007), Cluster detection probability as a function of input flux and angular core-radius. The contours represent probabilities of 0.03, 0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4, ..., 0.9, and 0.97. Note that this figure does not include the effect of imposing the minimum flux requirement ($f_{min} = 1.4 \times 10^{-13} \text{ erg s}^{-1} \text{cm}^{-2}$, dotted line) for the clusters to enter the final catalogue.

5.1.2 The Bright Serendipitous High-redshift Archival ROSAT Cluster

The Bright Serendipitous High-redshift Archival ROSAT Cluster (Bright SHARC) survey (Romer et al., 2000) was comprised of 460 archival ROSAT pointings, each with an exposure time greater than 10ks, that lie at Galactic latitudes greater than $b = |20^\circ|$. The survey selected extended objects in an annulus bounded by radii of $2.5'$ and $22.5'$ using a wavelet-based detection algorithm. Sources were selected that met three criteria; they were detected with signal-to-noise ratios of 8 or higher, they were more than 3σ extended, and had filling factors of less than $f = 1.3$. This resulted in 374 sources. The 94 brightest of which comprise the Bright SHARC sample. This sample was optically examined, resulting in 37 confirmed clusters with redshifts.

To quantify the Bright SHARC selection function Adami et al. (2000) ran a series of simulations comprising of artificial clusters placed in ROSAT pointings being run through the Bright SHARC pipeline processing. The first simulation run had the following properties: $\Omega_m = 1$, $\Omega_\Lambda = 0.0$, isothermal β profile clusters with $\beta = 0.67$, $r_c = 250\text{kpc}$ and $e = 0.15$. Each successive simulation run changed one of these properties and compared the results to the first run, which was used as a benchmark. Adami et al. (2000) present results of changing the assumed cosmology, ellipticity, β , r_c , and of changing the surface brightness model. The models they compare to their benchmark model are a pseudo-NFW profile and a pseudo-cooling flow profile. The authors demonstrate that the SHARC selection function is very sensitive to both r_c and β , in some of the considered cases the detection efficiency can vary by 100%.

Adami et al. (2000) also show how the variations in the selection function can influence the science results which depend upon it. The case they detail is that of the Cluster X-ray Luminosity Function (CXLF), and they extend the discussion to the impact on any attempt to measure Ω_m . For the SHARC survey, if all clusters had larger core radii than assumed in their benchmark selection function, the CXLF would significantly underestimate the number density of clusters at high redshift, lending support to a higher Ω_m universe.

5.2 Method

In order to properly model the selection function of a survey like XCS, it is important to account for all of the observational variations presented in real data. We can achieve this by placing a sample of fake surface brightness profiles into real Obsids. This ensures that our simulated images re-create features and issues present in real images, such as clusters lying on or near chip edges and point source contamination.

5.2.1 Placing fake clusters in XCS images

We create a sample of surface brightness profiles from an Isothermal β model (see Equation 1.17) with $\beta = 2/3$ and core radius, $r_c = 160\text{kpc}$ (close to the mean values of $\beta = 0.64$, and $r_c = 163\text{kpc}$, obtained from a uniform ROSAT analysis of clusters from $0.1 < z < 1.0$ (Ota and Mitsuda, 2004)), and plasma metallicity $Z = 0.3Z_\odot$. For a given cosmology we simulate 700 sets of cluster parameters, see Table 5.1.

<i>Parameter</i>	<i>Range</i>
Redshift	10 values linearly spaced 0.1 : 1.0
Luminosity	10 values logarithmically spaced (0.178 : 31.623) $\times 10^{44}\text{erg s}^{-1}$
Temperature	7 values linearly spaced 2.0 : 8.0 keV

Table 5.1: Parameter ranges used in XCS selection function

We limit our selection of Obsids to those that we would consider ‘statistical’ in a serendipitous survey, see Section 3.6 for all filters applied. This left 1847 suitable observations at the time this study began (i.e only DR1 StatSam Obsids are included). Before each selection function run, a smaller list of 100 Obsids is selected at random from the full set of 1847. These 100 Obsids are then copied from the main XCS archive to local processing nodes for temporary storage, to speed up the analysis. Tests have shown (see Davidson (2005)) that with 100 Obsids it is still possible to reproduce the variance in exposure time, target type, point source density, etc., inherent to the XCS. In the following we define a ‘selection function run’ as the analysis over the 700 sets of cluster parameters and 100 Obsids, a total of 70000 combinations.

For each of the 70000 simulations that comprise the selection function run the process is as follows:

1. The angular size of the cluster profile being generated is determined from the angular diameter distance (which is cosmology dependent, see Section 1.1.2) at the input redshift. The profile is then randomly positioned into a blank XMM style Obsid, with a uniform probability across the field of view, and convolved with the appropriate PSF model. For this purpose we use the two dimensional Medium accuracy model ¹ (see Section 2.2). This is a natural choice of PSF model for two reasons; it accounts for the azimuthal variation in the PSF, also the Extended model (Ghizzardi, 2001) is implemented for source classification, so, to keep the simulations fair, we cannot use the same model for blurring as we do for classification. The convolution with the PSF creates a probability density function (PDF) for the cluster profile.

¹http://xmm.vilspa.esa.es/external/xmm_sw_cal/calib/index.shtml

2. The profile is assigned an absorbed count rate taken from a series of arrays calculated using XSPEC ²(generated by K. Sabirli). The arrays tabulate conversions between combinations of temperature, redshift, hydrogen column density (nH), unabsorbed bolometric luminosity, and also the various cameras and filters aboard XMM.
3. The PDF is normalised to the absorbed count rate, thus creating a rate image.
4. The total number of counts to be placed in the PDF is determined by summation of a ‘count image’. This is created by multiplying the rate image by the exposure map of the chosen Obsid to account for vignetting, masking and chip gaps.
5. The rate image is then renormalised to 1, and the counts are added randomly to this PDF.
6. The individual fake cluster images are co-added to the original Obsid, and can now be processed by our custom detection pipeline in the same way as any real data. The detection and classification algorithms used by XCS are described in Davidson (2005) are reviewed in section(3.3.2).

The above process of 70000 simulations per run is incredibly time consuming as it covers the whole $L - T$ plane within $T = 2 - 8\text{keV}$ and $L = 0.178 - 31.623 \times 10^{44}\text{erg s}^{-1}$. We did this, rather than assuming an $L - T$ relation, to allow a more complete analysis with regard to XCS’s ability to constrain cosmology. If we limited our simulations to those that fit a measured $L - T$ relation, it would not be possible to include the effects of scaling relation errors and/or evolution in the final analysis (see Sahlén et al. (2009)). In this way, our selection function method is more complete than Burenin et al. (2007).

5.2.2 Cluster Recovery

For a cluster be considered as RECOVERED there are 3 criteria that must be met:

1. The detection software must identify a new extended source in the input image, i.e. not point-like or PSF-sized extent (PSF-SIZED FLAG)
2. The extended source must not contain a significant amount of point source contamination (RUN1 CONTAMINATED FLAG or POINTSOURCE CONTAMINATED FLAG)
3. The extended source must not be mis-associated with a known cluster near/at the input position.

²<http://heasarc.gsfc.nasa.gov/docs/xanadu/xspec/>

Test of the XAPA determinations of extended source count values

Of interest to XCS is the number of detected source counts determined by the algorithms, since a count limit (see Section 3.6.1) is used to determine which cluster candidates will receive follow-up and ultimately be used for cosmological studies. Is this number of detected counts drawn from XAPA for RECOVERED clusters a reliable measure? We have been able to test this using the β model selection function method described above. Plotted in Figure 5.2 is the count measurements from a set of RECOVERED simulated 3keV β clusters vs the input counts. This shows that while XAPA usually underestimates the number of counts from extended sources, the behaviour for > 300 count objects is reasonably consistent within a range of 50% – 100% of the input counts. This may indicate that the flux aperture used for extended objects is too small, though since the fluxes are re-measured independently of XAPA this is not a major issue (See Appendix I). So although not perfect, XAPA can be used as an indicator of the total source counts. XCS currently uses count cuts of > 300 and > 500 . At both of these levels, the underestimated value for the source counts means that a count limited sample will be $\sim 20\%$ smaller than expected. There are two main reasons for the loss of counts: loss due to chip-gaps, and aperture effects. These reasons are discussed and quantified in Davidson (2005). The key point is that very few low-count clusters will be erroneously included in a count-limited XCS cluster candidate sample, e.g. XCS300 or XCS500. Although some high-count clusters will be erroneously excluded from such samples, this is not a major concern, since their absence can be compensated for using the selection function. In other words, selection functions can correct for incompleteness, but cannot correct for contamination.

5.3 XCS selection function: testing the dependence on cosmology, L , T , and z , and location in the field of view

In order to fully assess the cosmological constraining power of XCS we need to understand how the selection function changes as a function of cosmological parameters, namely Ω_m and Ω_Λ . Ω_m and Ω_Λ play a role in the selection function via the luminosity distance (d_L). Variations in d_L affect both the angular size of an object on the sky and the flux received from the object (see Equations 1.9 and 1.10). To measure these effects the above process has been repeated using the parameters in Table 5.2.

An example set of results from run 4 can be seen in Figures 5.3 and 5.4 (the full set of plots can be seen in Appendix F), the error bars on which represent the 1σ statistical errors on the detection averages. To reduce the statistical uncertainty further would be incredibly time consuming since due to the binomial nature of the detection data, as the uncertainty in the mean detectability scales as $1/\sqrt{n}$.

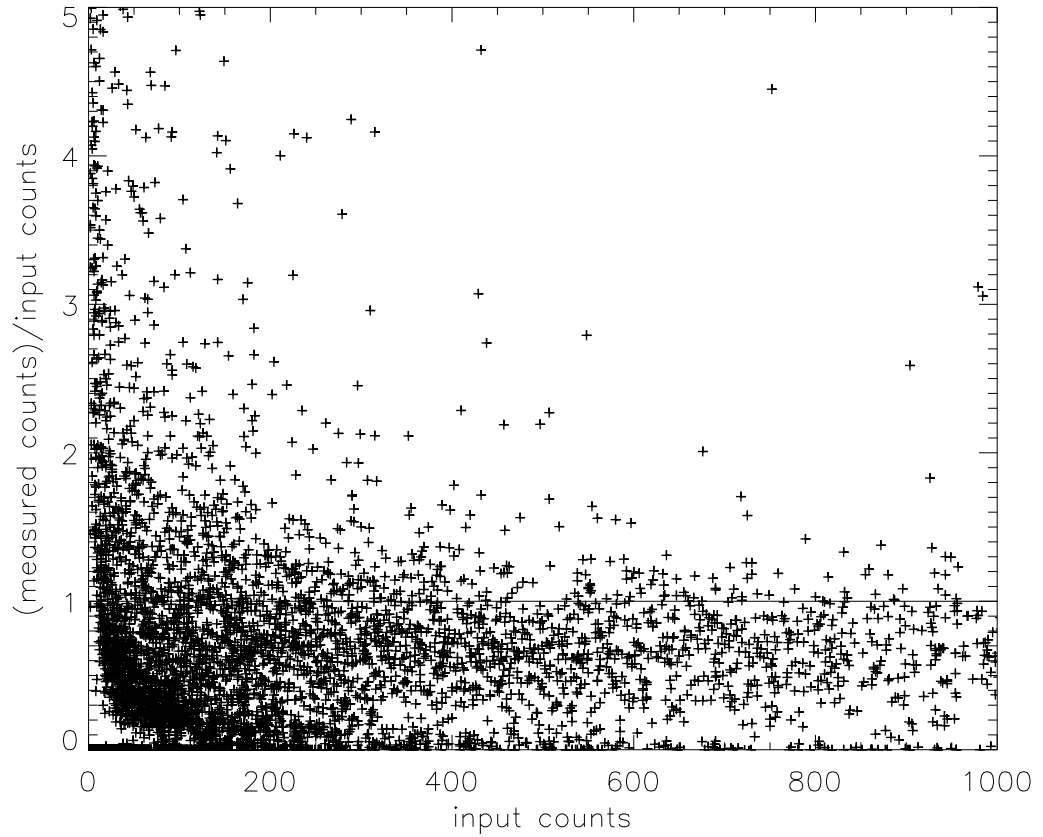


Figure 5.2: A ratio of measured counts/input counts as a function of input counts. The plotted results are for 3keV $r_c = 160\text{kpc}$, and $\beta = 2/3$ clusters. The horizontal solid black line marks the 1/1 ratio, i.e measured counts = input counts

Run number	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Ω_m	0.22	0.26	0.28	0.30	0.32	0.34	0.38
Ω_Λ	0.78	0.74	0.72	0.70	0.68	0.66	0.62

Run number	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Ω_m	0.26	0.26	0.26	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.34	0.34	0.34
Ω_Λ	0.60	0.70	0.80	0.60	0.70	0.80	0.60	0.70	0.80

Table 5.2: Cosmological parameter combinations used in selection function runs. Runs 1-7 are for flat ($k = 0$) cosmologies and were implemented in Sahlén et al. (2009). Runs 8-16 are for non-flat ($k \neq 0$) cases.

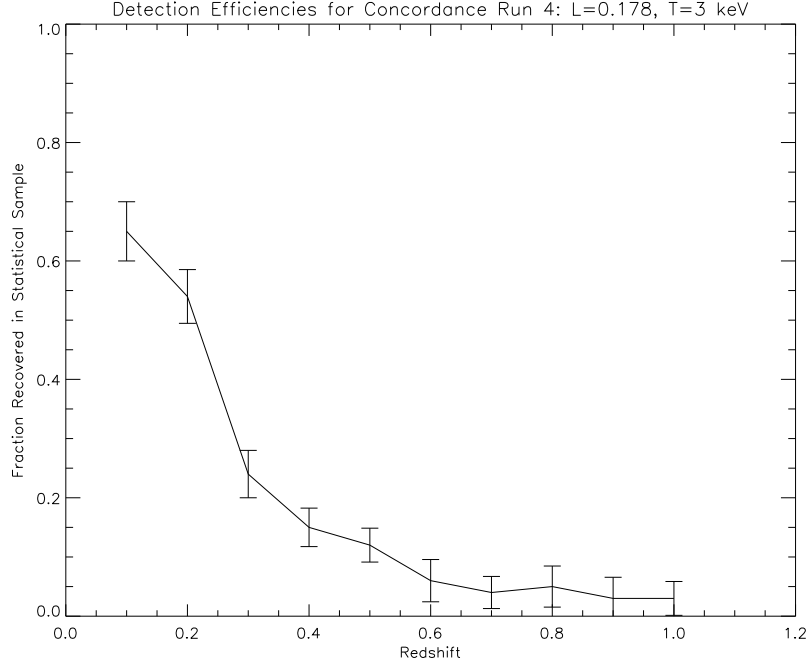


Figure 5.3: XCS StatSam detection and classification efficiency for 3keV clusters, with a Luminosity of $0.178 \times 10^{44} \text{ erg s}^{-1}$. All clusters are spherical and have $r_c = 160 \text{ kpc}$, and $\beta = 2/3$.

5.3.1 Testing the impact of a count cut on the selection function

The results as seen in Figure 5.4 and Appendix F refer to all clusters RECOVERED. However, when doing cosmology we will only be using those clusters detected with enough counts to allow a temperature estimate. As discussed in Chapter 3, a lower count limit for the XCS cosmological analysis has been set at 500 counts (see Sahlén et al. (2009)). The impact of the addition of this count cut to the selection function is shown in Figure 5.5. Note that in Figure 5.5, and all contour plots shown hereafter, the data have been interpolated and then smoothed.

5.3.2 Testing the impact of L , T , z on the selection function

As Figure 5.5 shows, the XCS's ability to detect and classify clusters is a strong function of both L and z , but only weakly dependent on T . For example, at $z = 0.2$: for a 3keV cluster, a change in L from 0.178 to $31.6 (\times 10^{44} \text{ erg/s})$ causes an increase in detection from $\sim 25\%$ to $\sim 85\%$, but for a $1.0 \times 10^{44} \text{ erg/s}$ cluster, a change in T from 2 to 8 (keV) only causes a decrease in detection from $\sim 73\%$ to $\sim 68\%$. In fact the variation seen with temperature ($\sim 5\%$) is of comparable size to the 1σ statistical uncertainty in the selection function.

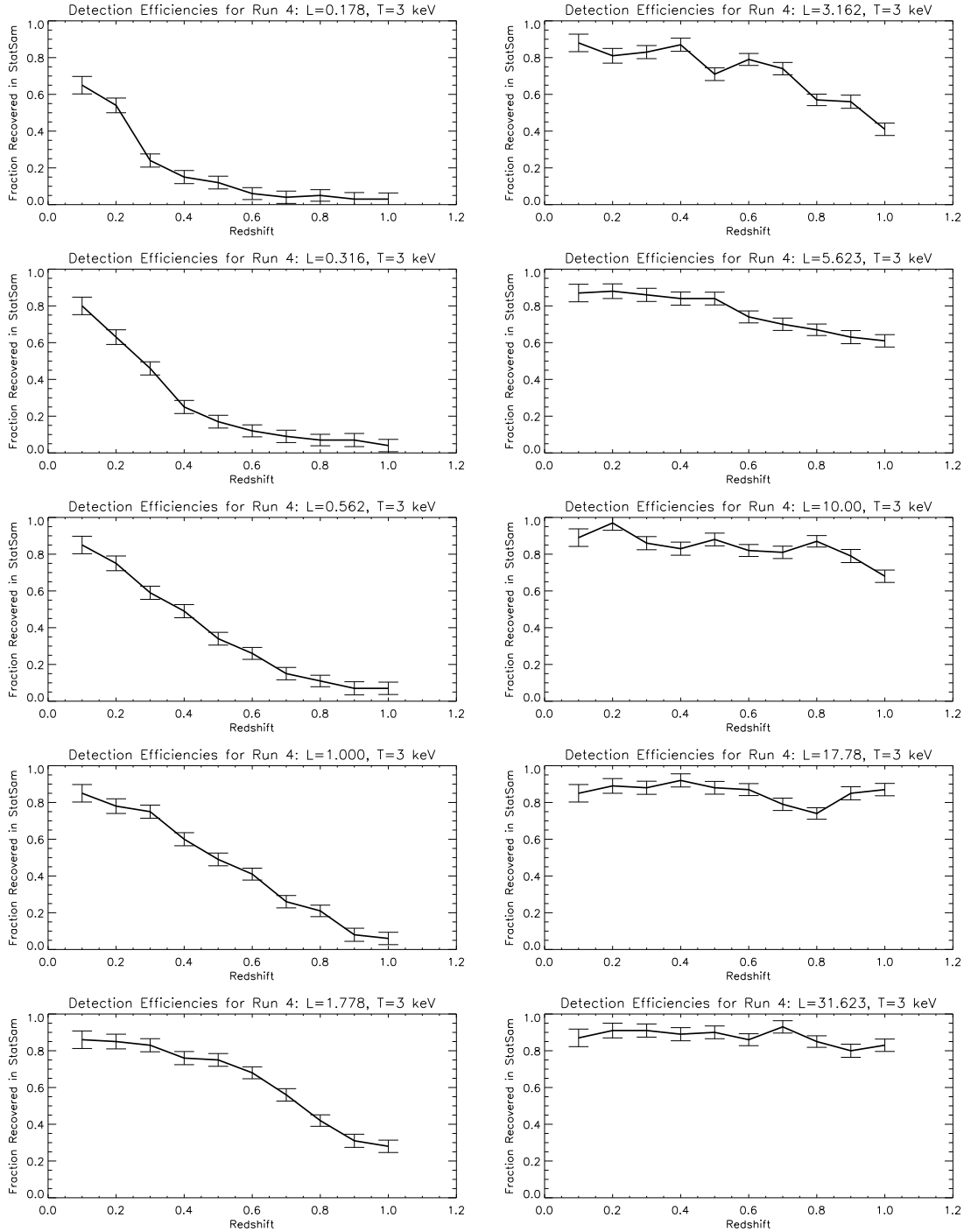
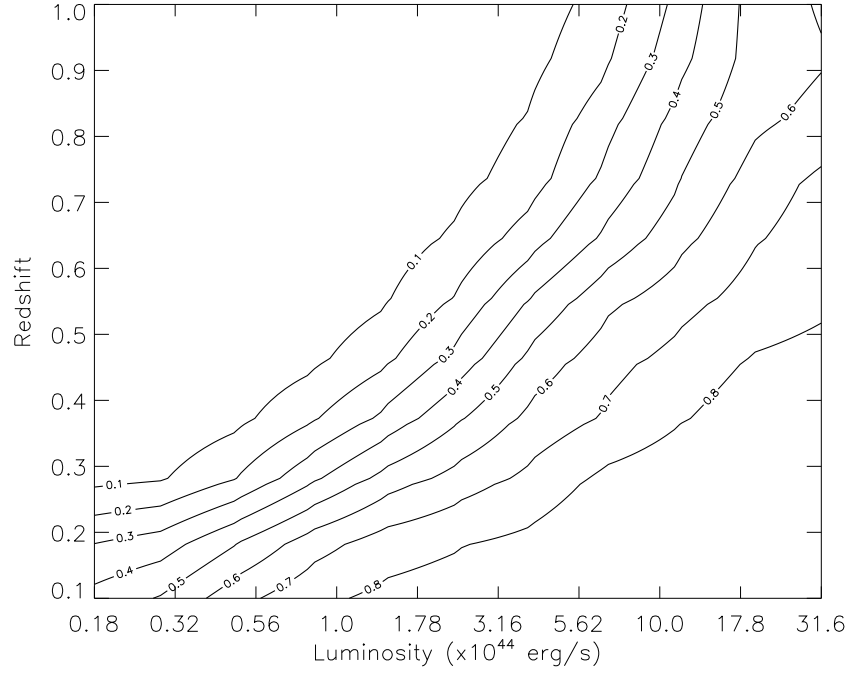
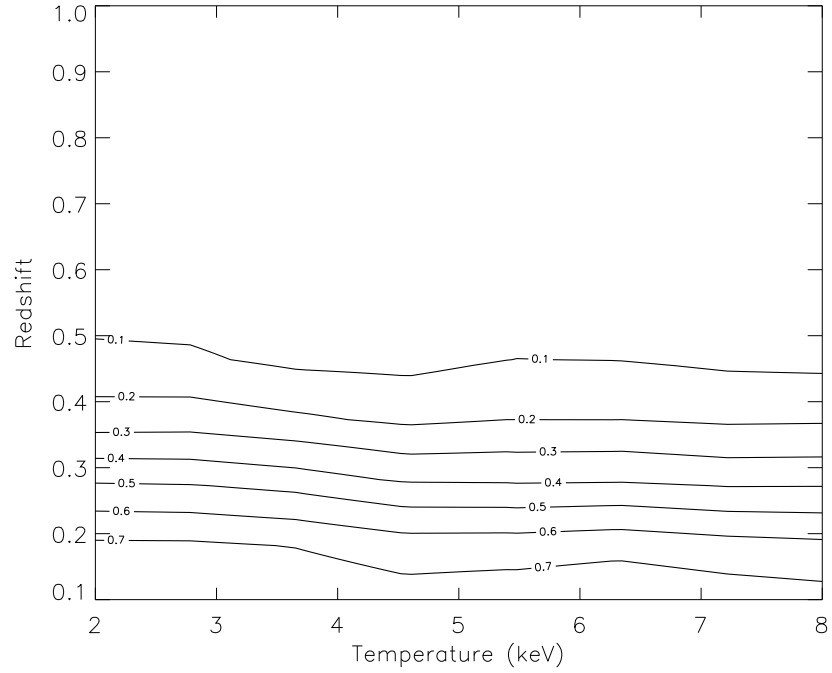


Figure 5.4: XCS StatSam detection and classification efficiency for 3keV clusters. All clusters are spherical and have $r_c = 160\text{kpc}$, and $\beta = 2/3$. Luminosities (L) are given in units of 10^{44}erg s^{-1} .



(a)



(b)

Figure 5.5: XCS StatSam detection and classification efficiency for clusters detected with ≥ 500 counts, and with structural properties as in Figure 5.4 (i.e $r_c = 160\text{kpc}$, $\beta = 2/3$). Figure 5.5(a): Detection efficiency is shown for 3keV clusters as a function of bolometric luminosity and redshift. Figure 5.5(b): Detection efficiency shown as a function of temperature and redshift for clusters with a luminosity of $1.0 \times 10^{44}\text{erg/s}$.

5.3.3 Testing the impact of scaling relations on the selection function

Figure 5.6 demonstrates how the selection function changes with differing evolution in the $L - T$ relation (Figure 5.6 was created by M. Sahlen using data provided by the author). Figure 5.7 shows the effect that different $L - T$ evolution is expected to have on the number of clusters in the final XCS500 sample (Figure 5.7 was created by M. Sahlen). A comparison of the pink and green histograms (or blue and orange), in Figure 5.7(b) show that at $z > 0.7$, different $L - T$ evolution can change the number of expected cluster detections by a factor of ~ 2 .

5.3.4 Testing the impact of cosmological model on the selection function

Figure 5.8 shows how Ω_m and Ω_Λ influence detection for clusters with $T = 3\text{keV}$, $L = 1.358 \times 10^{44} \text{erg s}^{-1}$, $r_c = 160\text{kpc}$, and $\beta = 2/3$ at $z = 0.5$. Figure 5.8 demonstrates how detection within a cluster survey such as XCS is not insensitive to cosmology (via d_L), which shows that a single selection function is not adequate when making constraints. For example, the recovery efficiency for the clusters in Figure 5.8 for $\Omega_\Lambda = 0.7, \Omega_m = 0.3$ is 37% greater (relative difference) than $\Omega_\Lambda = 0.7, \Omega_m = 0.2$. However in order to make accurate measurements it is clear that the statistical uncertainty in the selection function must be minimized.

5.3.5 Testing the impact of detection location on the selection function

In Figure 5.9 we demonstrate that XAPA's detection and classification efficiency has some dependence on offaxis angle. Objects in the centre of the field of view are RECOVERED $\sim 40\%$ less than those in the outer regions of the image. This difference in RECOVERY is a result of the input objects being detected and classified as point-sources. This is independent of the flagging process, and so is due to the shape of the PSF-EEF's at low offaxis angle being similar to the EEF's of the input clusters. This is not entirely suprising since the Extended PSF model is based on a King profile, which is also the basis of the β profile. The use of a better PSF model would likely improve the situation. An important point to note is that although this variation exists it has very little impact since 84% of the field of view lies outside $6'$ of the centre, and beyond this radius the XCS500 is $> 90\%$ complete.

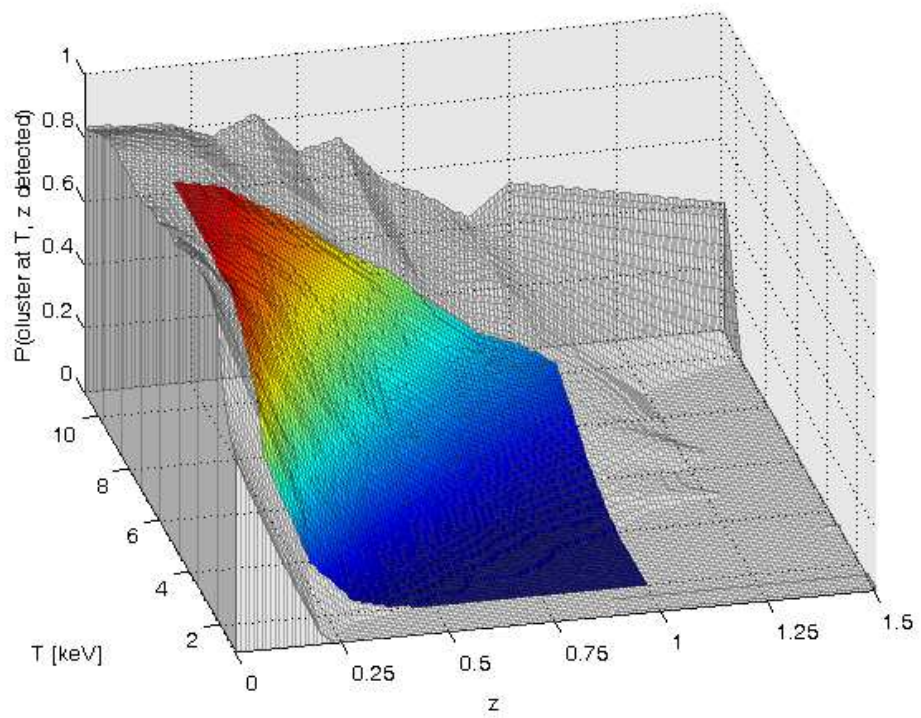
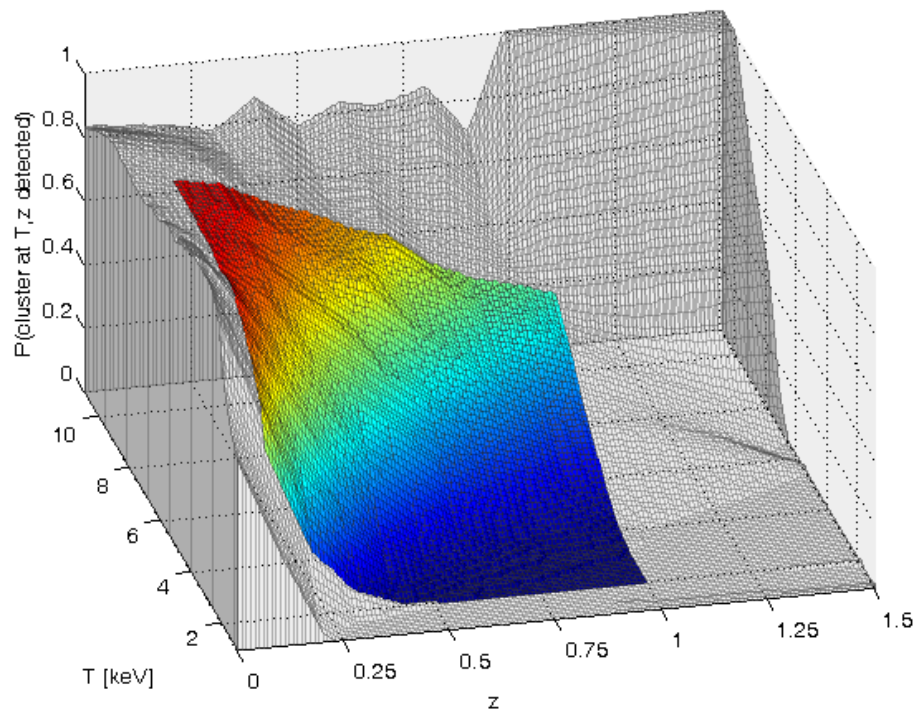
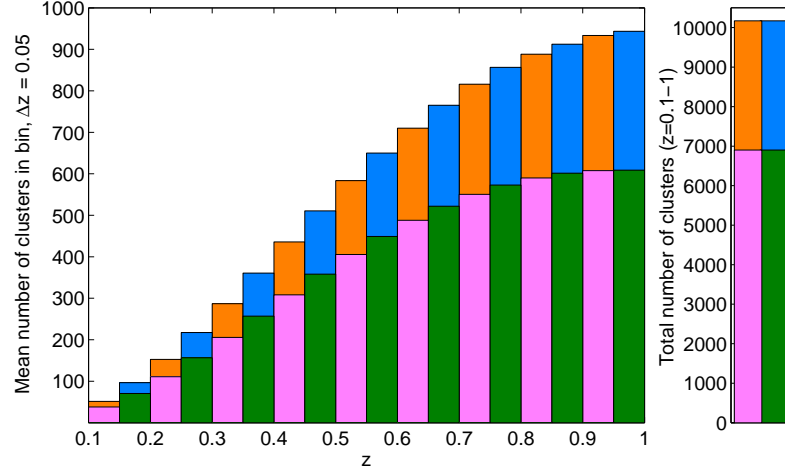
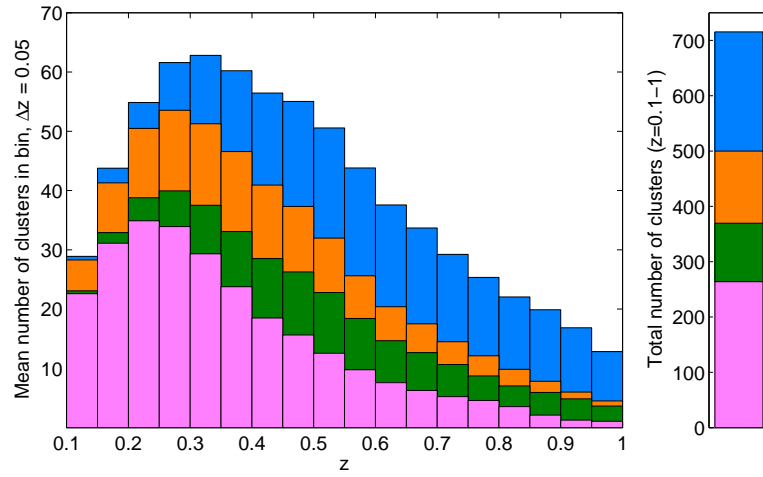
(a) Constant $L - T$ relation(b) Self-Similar $L - T$ relation

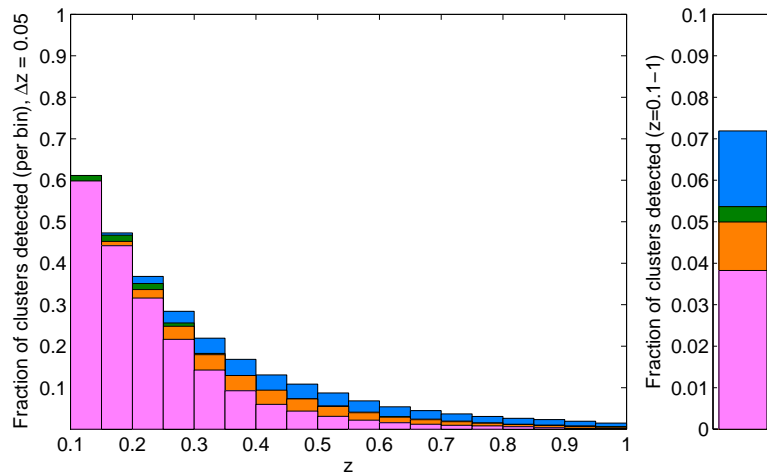
Figure 5.6: Figure 1 from Sahlén et al. (2009). Selection Function for our fiducial cosmology and different $L - T$ evolution.



(a) Underlying cluster distribution



(b) Expected detections using selection function



(c) Detected fraction of clusters per bin.

Figure 5.7: Figure 8 from Sahlén et al. (2009). Expected cluster number count distributions for the XCS500, for no $L - T$ nor $M - T$ scatter and no $L - T$ evolution (pink), no $L - T$ nor $M - T$ scatter and self-similar $L - T$ evolution (green), $L - T$ and $M - T$ scatter and no $L - T$ evolution (orange), and $L - T$ and $M - T$ scatter and self-similar $L - T$ evolution (blue). Bin sizes are $\Delta z = 0.05$ and $\Delta T = 0.5$ keV.

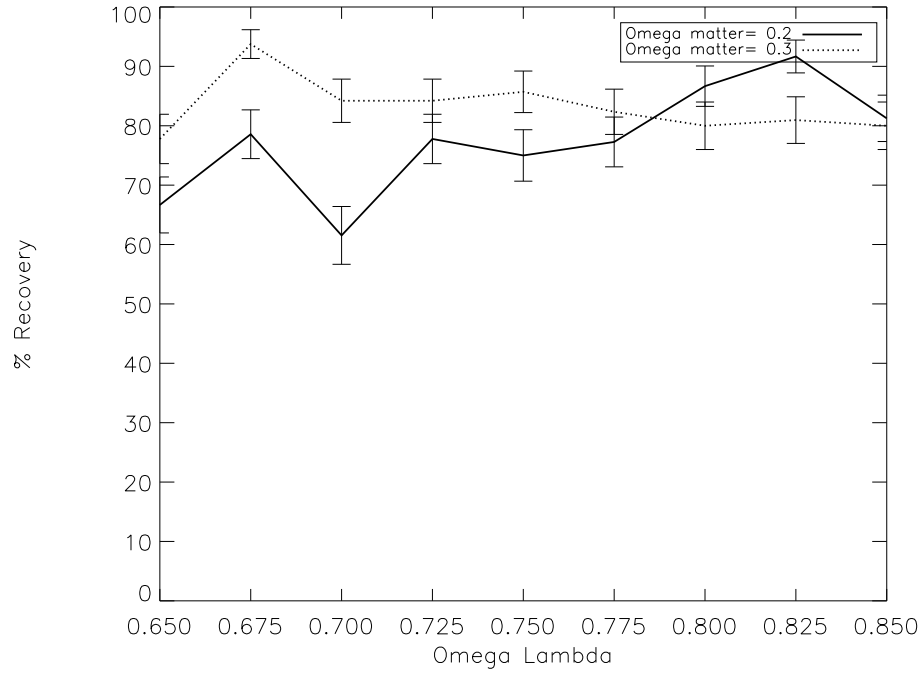


Figure 5.8: Variation of detection as a function of Ω_Λ , and Ω_m . All clusters have the following properties: $T = 3\text{keV}$, $L = 1.358 \times 10^{44}\text{erg s}^{-1}$, $r_c = 160\text{kpc}$, $\beta = 2/3$ and $z = 0.5$. Results plotted for those objects with > 500 input counts.

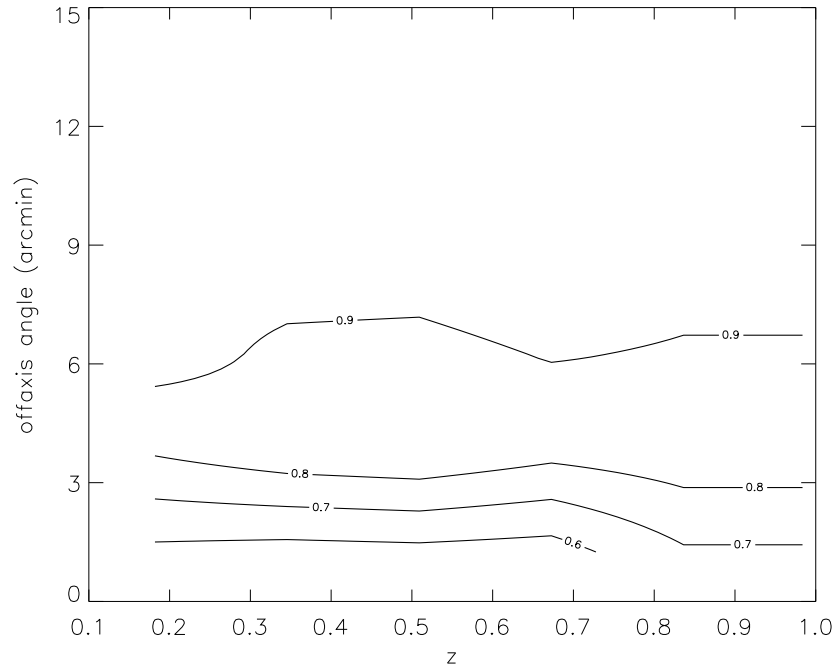


Figure 5.9: Variation of detection as a function of offaxis angle. Clusters have the following properties: $T = 3\text{keV}$, $L = 1.358 \times 10^{44}\text{erg s}^{-1}$, $r_c = 160\text{kpc}$, $\beta = 2/3$, in a $\Omega_\Lambda = 0.7, \Omega_m = 0.3$ cosmology. Results plotted for those objects with > 500 input counts.

5.4 XCS selection function: testing the dependence on assumed profile properties

Note that in this section we have now fixed the cosmology to $\Omega_\Lambda = 0.7$, $\Omega_m = 0.3$.

The XCS selection function as discussed in Section 5.2, is an oversimplification, i.e β is not always $2/3$, r_c is not always 160 kpc, and clusters are not spherically symmetric. The underlying cluster population is not one with uniform properties. It is well known that clusters of galaxies have a range of morphologies, with core radii varying from a few tens of kpc, to a few hundred kpc and β values varying generally between 0.45 and 0.85 (eg. Reiprich and Böhringer (2002); Ota and Mitsuda (2004); Maughan et al. (2008)). As other authors have rightly shown (Adami et al., 2000; Burenin et al., 2007) (see Section 5.1), it is important that we are able to quantify the effect that these variations in the population have on the selection function of a survey. The potential for knock-on effects onto other aspects of survey science is significant, and this should not be ignored. This was correctly noted by the referee of Sahlén et al. (2009), and held up the publishing for 6 months while these effects were quantified.

In the following section we shall discuss the impact of our morphological assumptions on the selection function. We will begin by analysing each of the important morphological parameters in turn, and then discuss them in combination. For the purposes of this section we have assumed an $L - T$ relation of the form given by Arnaud and Evrard (1999). Doing this enables us to isolate the effect of varying single parameters without including unnecessarily unrealistic objects. We have only simulated 3keV clusters as these are expected to best represent the average cluster population at a given redshift (M. Sahlén, private communication).

5.4.1 Core radius

As noted above there is a wide range of core radii seen in the observed population, for example if we look at two nearby clusters, Coma has a core radius of about 400 kpc, and Perseus has a core radius of about 50 kpc, the majority of clusters have core radii values that fall within these two extremes (eg. Jones and Forman (1999)). To understand how these variations in core radius effect the ability of XAPA to detect such objects, we have simulated a set of clusters with r_c changing from 50kpc to 400kpc in steps of 50, the results of which can be seen in Figure 5.10.

Figure 5.10 demonstrates that XCS is able to detect objects with a wide range of physical sizes. The peak sensitivity across the majority of the redshift range is $100\text{kpc} < r_c < 150\text{kpc}$. The relative change in detectability with respect to our assumed value (160kpc) in a range $\pm 100\text{kpc}$ is $\sim 10\%$ at $z = 0.1 : 0.2$, at higher redshifts this value can go up to 30 – 40%. However this simple plot does not take into account two key factors that occur

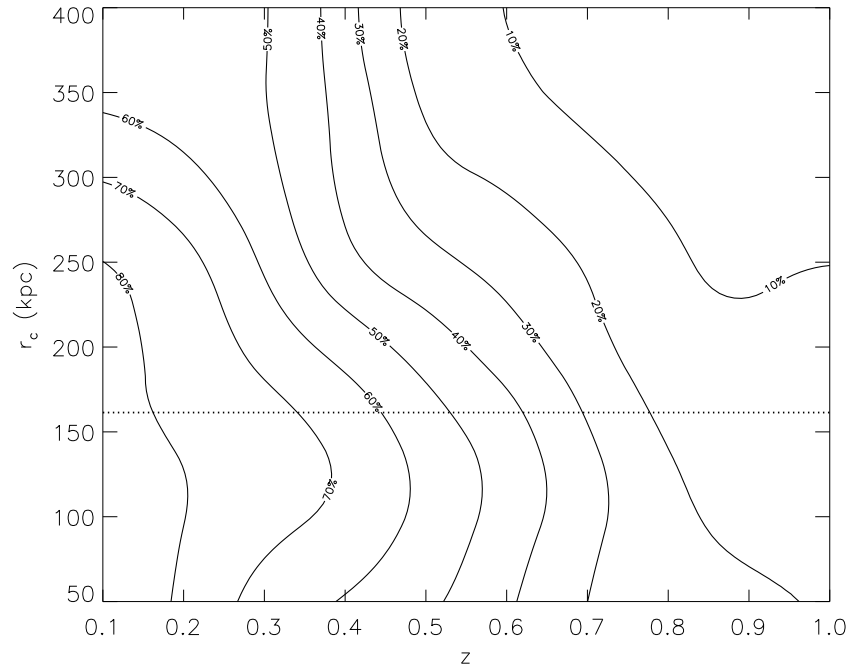


Figure 5.10: XCS StatSam detection and classification efficiency for 3keV clusters as a function of physical core radius and redshift. All clusters have $\beta = 2/3$. The dotted line represents the constant value assumed in the standard XCS selection function calculations.

as these objects are moved to higher redshifts. The angular core radius drops rapidly with redshift, meaning that a 400 kpc core at $z \sim 0.3$ has approximately the same angular size as a 160 kpc core at $z \sim 0.1$. Also the number of counts received from any object will decrease with increasing redshift. With this in mind it is perhaps better to compare detection of objects as a function of their angular core radius and number of counts (see Figure 5.12), as this is actually what the algorithms ‘see’. To aid comparison between Figures 5.10 and 5.12, Figure 5.11 shows the scaling of physical size with redshift in a $\Omega_m = 0.3, \Omega_\Lambda = 0.7$ cosmology. Figure 5.12 shows that, for objects with 500 counts or more, XCS detects $> 70\%$ of all objects in the range $10'' < r_c < 40''$. A comparison of Figure 5.12 with Figure 5.11 shows that this angular range encompasses the expected size of the majority of clusters over a significant redshift range. At small core radii a lower percentage of objects are correctly classified by XAPA, the objects are often detected but are not RECOVERED, i.e they are incorrectly classified as pointlike, or flagged as described in Section 3.3.3 (see Figure 5.13)

5.4.2 Profile slope

When a King profile is fit to observed surface brightness profiles, samples of clusters also show significant variation in values of β . In light of this we have simulated objects covering the range $0.4 < \beta < 0.8$. Figure 5.14 shows how this variation affects detection in the

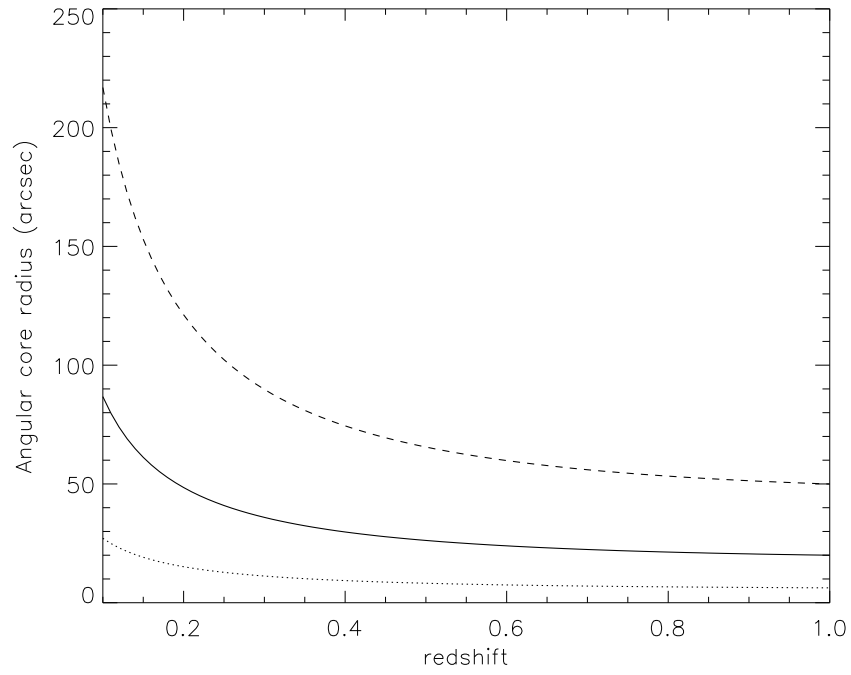


Figure 5.11: Angular core radius as a function of redshift shown for objects with a physical core radius of 50kpc (dotted line), 160kpc (Solid line), and 400kpc (Dashed line), in a $\Omega_m = 0.3, \Omega_\Lambda = 0.7$ cosmology.

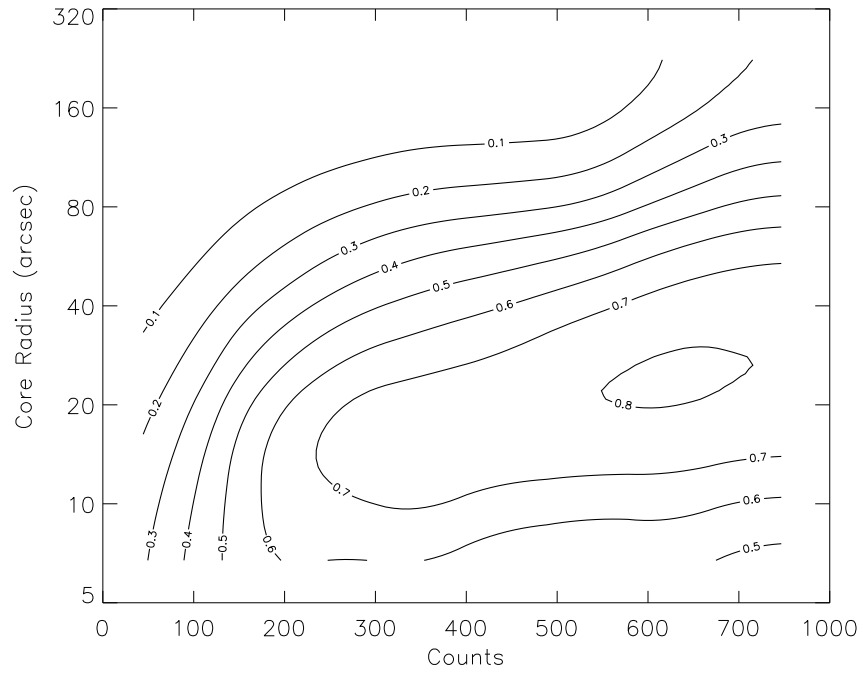


Figure 5.12: XCS StatSam RECOVERY efficiency for 3keV clusters as a function of angular core radius and input source counts.

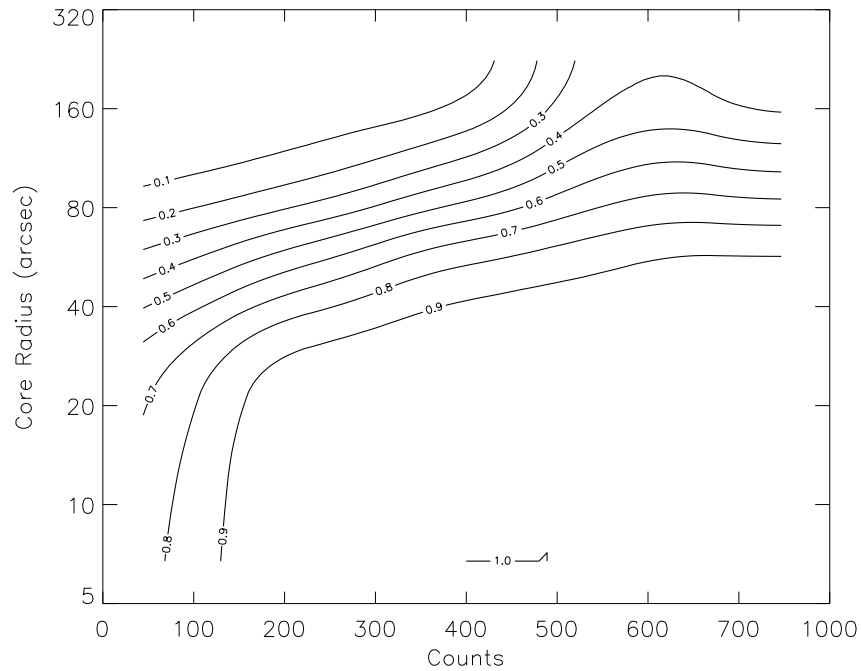


Figure 5.13: XCS StatSam detection efficiency for 3keV clusters as a function of angular core radius and input source counts. Same as Figure 5.12 but without the necessity for extent classification, i.e these sources have been detected but not RECOVERED.

XCS, for objects with > 500 counts. As seen in the figure, variations in β in the range $0.55 < \beta < 0.75$ only alter the detection efficiency by $\sim 10\%$. There is a significant drop in XAPA's ability to detect and classify objects with a β value below this range at redshifts of $z < 0.6$. Although it has been noted that objects that fall in this low β range are rare/unrealistic, such low values are most likely artifacts of fitting a single β model to clusters with strong cool cores and are in fact not found if the cores are properly excluded from the fit (Vikhlinin et al., 1999).

5.4.3 Core radius and profile slope

As is clear from the preceding sub-sections, XCS's cluster detection efficiency drops off with increasing core radius and also decreasing values of β . Both increasing r_c and decreasing β cause a spreading out of the cluster flux, as a result of which there will be some degeneracy in these two parameters as far as detection is concerned. The poor detectability of an object with a large core radius can be offset somewhat by a steeper slope in the brightness profile, and likewise the combination of a large core plus a small value of β could make an object very hard to detect even at low redshift. For example a $\beta = 2/3$ cluster with a 400kpc core at $z = 0.1$ is detected in $\sim 55\%$ of the simulations, however if this object were to have a slope of $\beta = 0.8$ the detection would be $> 70\%$, and $\beta = 0.5$ would result in $< 35\%$ being recovered (see Figure 5.15). There are combinations of r_c and β that can

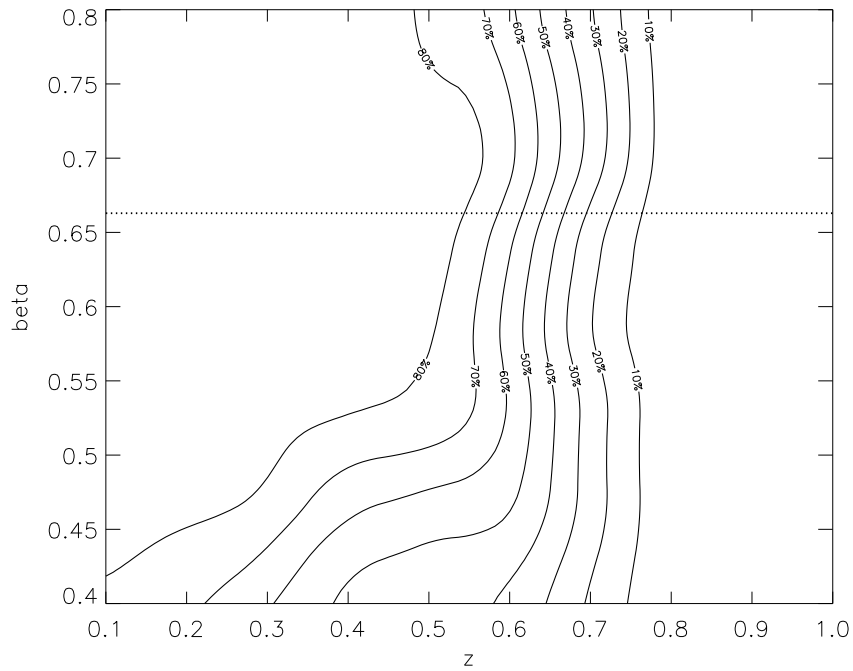


Figure 5.14: XCS StatSam detection and classification efficiency as a function of β and redshift. All clusters have $r_c = 160\text{kpc}$. The dotted line represents the constant value assumed in the standard XCS selection function calculations.

cause a potential relative change in detection of 100% with respect to another combination, but these large changes are from extreme ends of the observed ranges and so are quite unlikely.

5.4.4 Ellipticity

In the preceding sections we have only considered surface brightness profiles that are spherically symmetric. However in reality this is often not the case. Here we define the ellipticity of an object such that a perfect circle has $e = 0.0$, see Equation 5.1

$$e = 1 - (\text{minor axis}/\text{major axis}) \quad (5.1)$$

Using this definition of ellipticity, clusters in the sample analysed by Mohr et al. (1995) fall in the range $0.0 < e < 0.6$. Figure 5.16 demonstrates that XAPA is relatively insensitive to variation in ellipticity within this range. There is an indication that highly elliptical objects may be easier to detect at $z \sim 1.0$ than spherically symmetrical ones, but the change in detection efficiency is not significant enough to enable any conclusion to be drawn. Figure 5.16 highlights the need for the ellipticity cut on the DR3 StatSam (see Section 4.6).

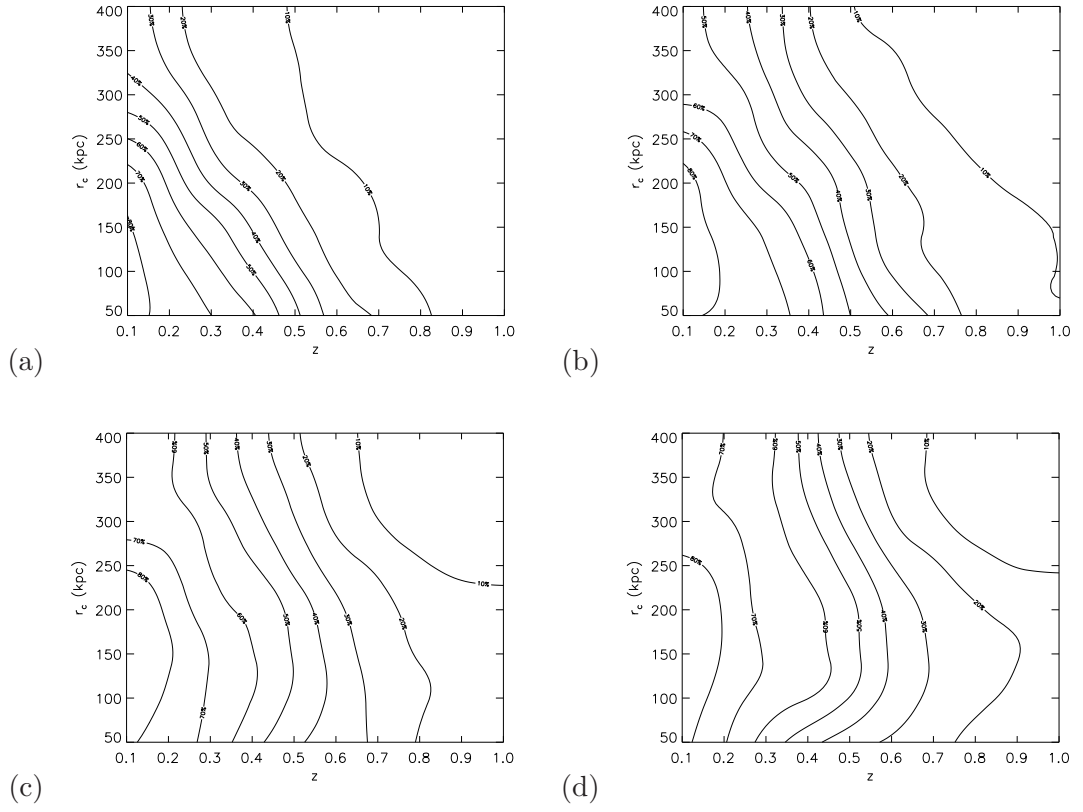


Figure 5.15: XCS StatSam detection and classification efficiency for $e = 0.0$, 3keV clusters as a function of r_c and redshift, for different values of β . Fig(5.15(a)): $\beta = 0.5$. Fig(5.15(b)): $\beta = 0.6$. Fig(5.15(c)): $\beta = 0.7$. Fig(5.15(d)): $\beta = 0.8$.

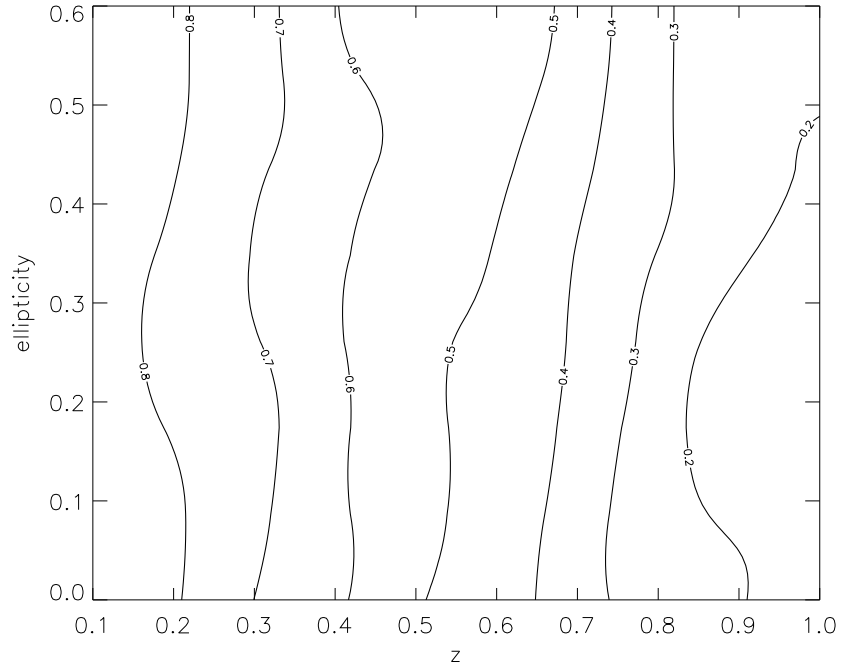


Figure 5.16: XCS StatSam detection and classification efficiency as a function of Ellipticity and redshift. All clusters have $r_c = 160kpc$ and $\beta = 2/3$.

5.5 Using the selection function to correct for selection effects

When using the cluster abundance to measure cosmological parameters, the selection function is a vital factor that must be understood. Cosmology enters into the prediction of cluster numbers as a function of temperature and redshift through the selection function, the cluster scaling relations, and the mass dispersion. The cluster scaling relations and the mass dispersion can be used to predict the properties of the underlying cluster sample, however relating this to the observed sample produced by any given survey requires knowledge of the selection function. Once the dependence of the cluster abundance on these factors is understood, it is possible to determine the likelihood of any observed catalogue of clusters given an assumed cosmology (see Sahlén et al. (2009) for further discussion).

We expect the XCS $L - T$ relation to be self-calibrated at the same time as the cosmological analysis, a full description of this will be given in future XCS publications. When attempting to just measure cluster scaling relations the selection function must be used in much the same way as for cosmology. Pacaud et al. (2007) demonstrate how this can be done. Studies of cluster scaling relations generally consider redshift evolution of the form $F(z) = (1 + z)^\alpha$. Pacaud et al. (2007) create a probability distribution function (PDF), which models the distribution of clusters around the mean scaling relation. This PDF is then multiplied by the selection function (the probability of detection, given L , T and z) and is used to estimate the likelihood of their data given a $F(z)$ model. This is the first demonstration of how large an impact the selection function has on scaling relation studies. The results of Pacaud et al. (2007) are discussed more in Section 6.3.7.

5.6 XCS selection function: a tool for future survey design

Using the methods applied in this chapter we are able to investigate source detection in a way that enables us to optimise future observations/surveys. Due to the nature of the XMM archive, there is an enormous amount of variation in the properties of the images. Of particular relevance is the variation of exposure time between observations (see Figure 5.17). A question one might ask is what is the optimum exposure time for cluster finding? This is not something that there is an intuitive answer to; a deeper exposure means more source counts, but too many photons can increase source confusion, and background effects must also be taken into account.

To address this another set of selection functions have been computed. This time the cosmology and profiles have been fixed. The Obsids are selected not at random but on the basis of their exposure times. This work is very relevant at the present time. XMM is approaching the end of its life cycle, and a lot of thought has gone into determining the best use of the remaining time. There are 3 main options being considered, deep narrow-angle

surveys, shallow wide-angle surveys (slew), or deep follow-up of known clusters (e.g from XCS). The effectiveness of the different time usage for serendipitous detection is assessed in this section. Some of this work has already been used in an XMM survey proposal by D. Alexander.

Figure 5.18 demonstrates the effect of exposure time on XCS’s ability to detect and correctly classify input clusters (All clusters have $r_c = 160\text{kpc}$, $\beta = 2/3$, $e = 0.0$, and cover the full range of L and T as in Table 5.1). It can be seen in the figure that the increase in RECOVERY with exposure time is not significant beyond $\sim 30\text{ks}$. A comparison with Figure 5.19 shows that there is no increase in detection beyond $\sim 20\text{ks}$, and that any further increases are due to an increased ability to classify the objects as extended. Note that due to the creation of profiles covering a wide range in both L and T , Figures 5.18 and 5.19 contain a large number of unrealistic objects and so do not represent the expected trend for the real XCS survey. They do however, demonstrate the effect of exposure time on detection and RECOVERY.

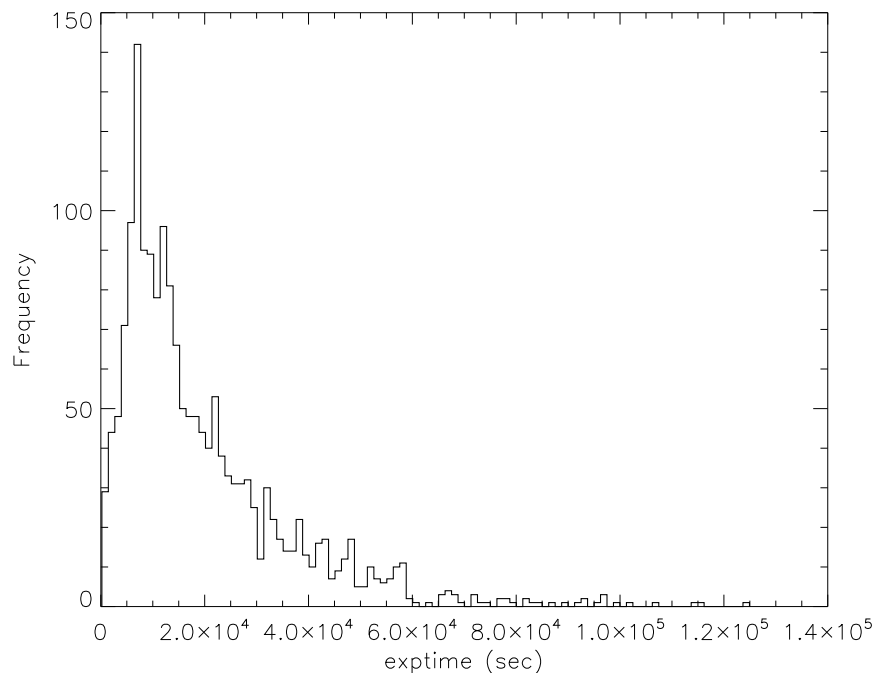


Figure 5.17: Distribution of XCS StatSam exposure times from the DR1 StatSam, see Section 3.6)

An important consideration point in cluster survey design is the question of area vs. depth, with a limited amount of XMM telescope time would it be better to take a few very deep observations or many more shorter exposure ones?

To address this we have combined the above selection functions featured in Figure 5.18 with the model $T > 2\text{ keV}$ cluster catalogues presented in Sahlén et al. (2009), since he uses a mass function and observed scaling relations to predict actual (rather than observed)

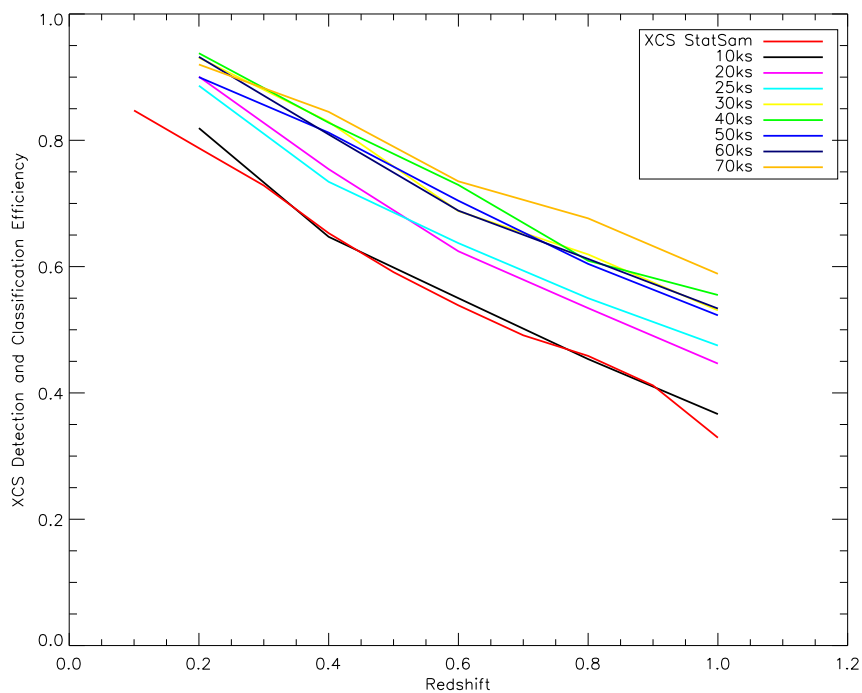


Figure 5.18: XCS detection and classification efficiency as a function of exposure time and redshift. All clusters have $r_c = 160kpc$, $\beta = 2/3$ and $e = 0.0$.

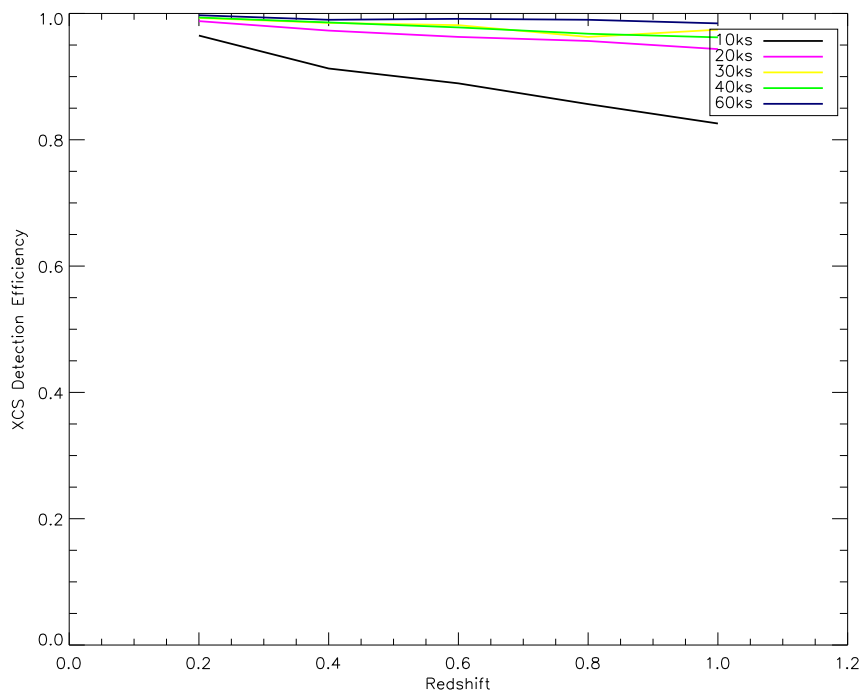


Figure 5.19: XCS detection efficiency as a function of exposure time and redshift. All clusters have $r_c = 160kpc$, $\beta = 2/3$ and $e = 0.0$. Same as fig 5.18 but without the necessity for extent classification.

number densities as a function of redshift. Figure 5.20 clearly shows the benefits of longer exposure times. At all redshifts a deeper survey (50ks), would detect many more clusters than an XCS type survey of the same area, at $z \sim 1.0$ the difference is as much as a factor of 3. However, how would a 10 deg² 50ks, i.e that proposed by D. Alexander, survey compare to XCS, when XCS makes use of all the data in the archive? Figure 5.21 shows that even with 100 deg² (already surpassed with DR1) of archival data, the detected number of clusters is significantly higher than the small, but much deeper, survey.

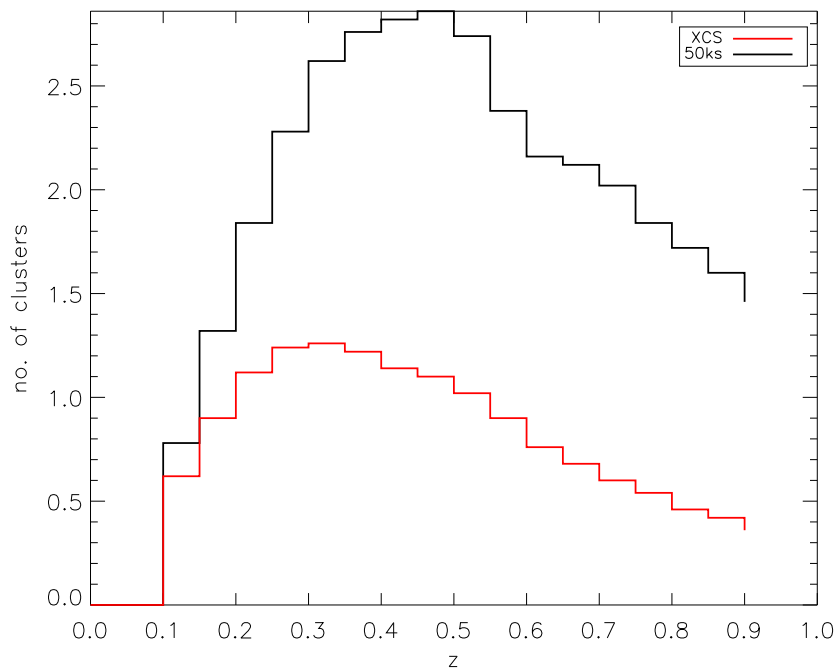


Figure 5.20: Expected cluster detections in 10 deg², the red line shows the expected number for a distribution of exposure times matching that in XCS, the black line is for a 50ks survey.

Despite not supplying a greater abundance of $T > 2$ keV clusters there are still reasons for proposing a small deep survey as a complement to the archive. Figures 5.22 and 5.23 show the difference in temperature distribution one would expect at low and high redshifts respectively. The most striking difference is that $\sim 4 - 5$ times more low temperature clusters would be found at higher redshifts in 50ks pointings, compared to the same area in XCS. For studies of scaling relation evolution this would be invaluable. One can expect the trend seen in Figures 5.22 and 5.23 to extend into the group regime ($T < 2$ keV), meaning that a new narrow-deep XMM survey may beat XCS when it comes to group studies. At the time of writing we are unable to explore this potential, because Sahlen's mock catalogues are limited to $T > 2$ keV. We are, therefore, looking into an alternative strategy that bootstraps from the measured XCS temperature relation.

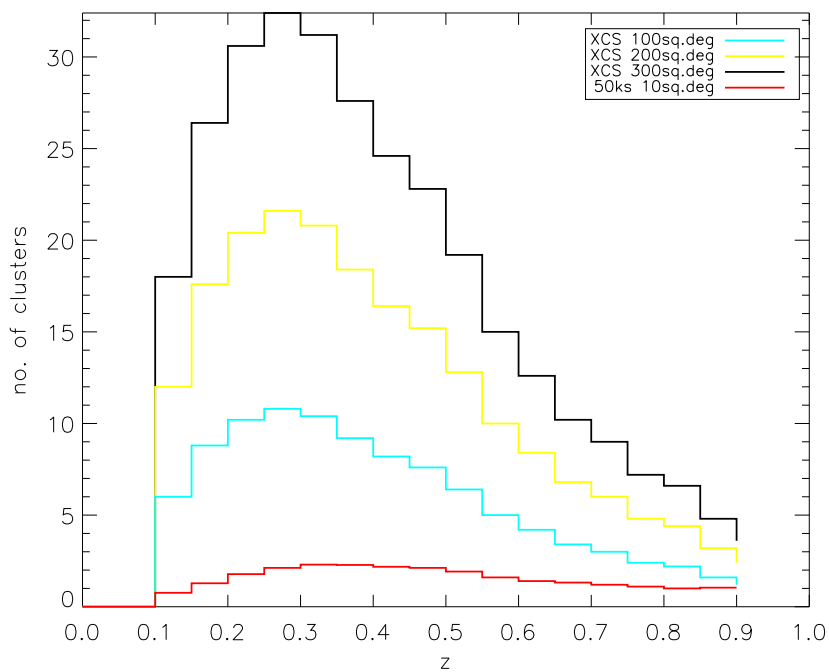


Figure 5.21: A comparison of expected cluster detections in a 10 deg² 50ks survey, to XCS with varying area coverage.

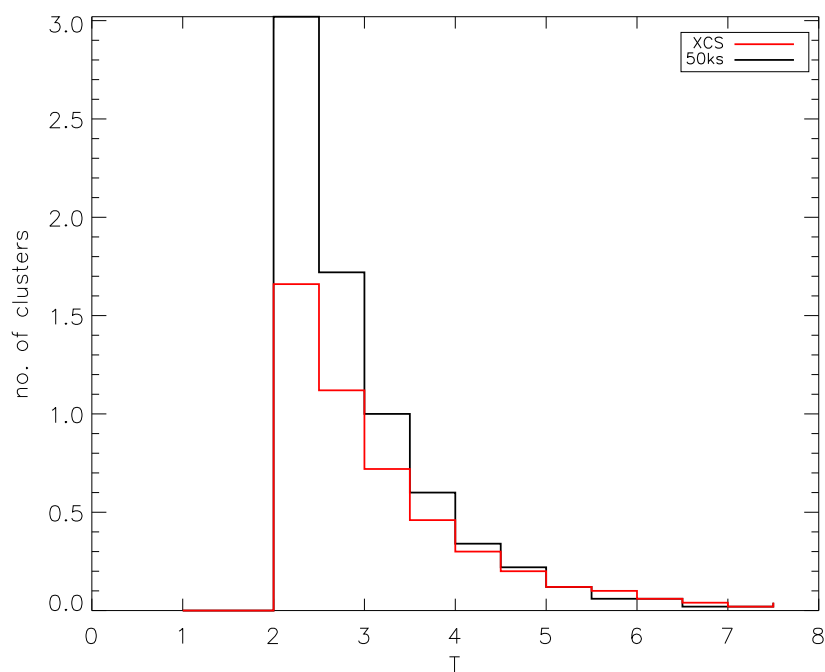


Figure 5.22: Expected cluster detections as a function of Temperature in 10 deg² at $z < 0.3$, the red line shows the expected number for a distribution of exposure times matching that in XCS, the black line is for a 50ks survey.

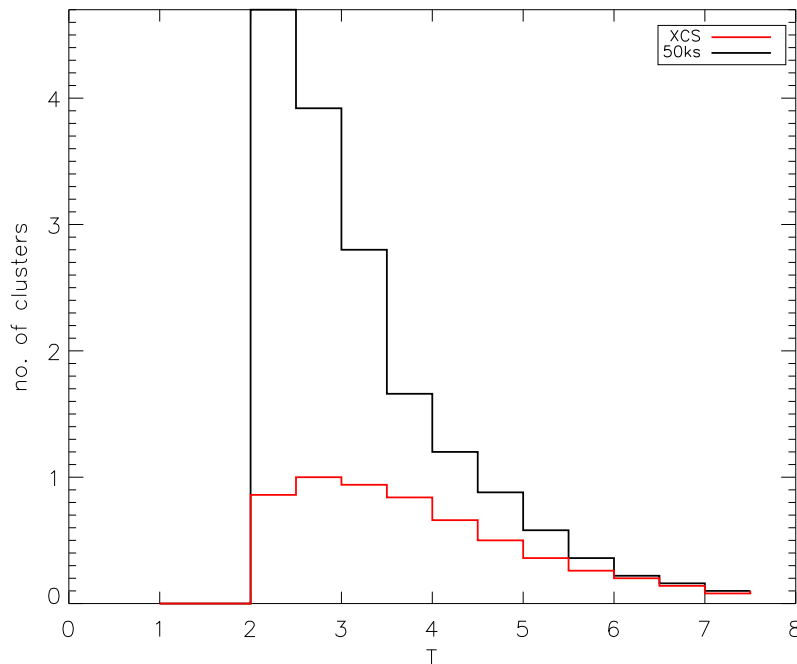


Figure 5.23: Same as Fig 5.22 but for $z < 0.7$.

5.7 Future work

5.7.1 Cosmology application

As seen in Sahlén et al. (2009), the final XCS sample will place competitive constraints on cosmological parameters. We expect to measure Ω_m to ± 0.03 (and Ω_Λ to the same accuracy assuming flatness), and σ_8 to ± 0.05 .

The $k \neq 0$ selection function runs in this chapter are yet to be utilised, but could be used to further generalise the XCS cosmology constraints.

The current XCS cosmological analysis has been focused on Λ CDM cosmology, however it is preferable to generalise Λ to include more dark energy models ($w < -1/3$). The ideal way of doing this is to sample the parameter space in terms of d_L , rather than $(\Omega_m, \Omega_\Lambda$ and z). While there is some overlap with the selection functions presented in this Chapter, a significant number of simulations still need to be run.

The parameters we plan to assess are as follows:

10 points in cluster temperature (2 to 10 keV in steps of 1 keV, plus 1.5 keV to quantify the level of contamination of the $T > 2$ keV range by lower mass systems);

10 points in cluster bolometric luminosity (0.05 to 10 logarithmically spaced) in units of

$h^{-2}10^{44}$ erg/s;

12 points in redshift (0.1 to 1.2 in steps of 0.1) for a fiducial ($\Omega_m = 0.3$, $\Omega_\Lambda = 0.7$) cosmology.

we will then sample either side of the fiducial d_L by sampling 5 points in luminosity distance for each redshift point, as follows:

$\Delta d_L = -0.030$ to 0.030 for $z=0.1$
 $\Delta d_L = -0.055$ to 0.055 for $z=0.2$
 $\Delta d_L = -0.075$ to 0.075 for $z=0.3$
 $\Delta d_L = -0.090$ to 0.090 for $z=0.4$
 $\Delta d_L = -0.100$ to 0.100 for $z=0.5$
 $\Delta d_L = -0.110$ to 0.110 for $z=0.6$
 $\Delta d_L = -0.120$ to 0.120 for $z=0.7$
 $\Delta d_L = -0.130$ to 0.130 for $z=0.8$
 $\Delta d_L = -0.135$ to 0.135 for $z=0.9$
 $\Delta d_L = -0.140$ to 0.140 for $z=1.0$
 $\Delta d_L = -0.145$ to 0.145 for $z=1.1$
 $\Delta d_L = -0.150$ to 0.150 for $z=1.2$

At present these selection functions are $\sim 20\%$ complete, and will take many months more to finish. Once complete we can assess XCS's ability to place constraints on dark energy models in a way similar to that which Sahlén et al. (2009) used to forecast the Λ CDM constraints.

5.7.2 Determining a statistical description of cluster profiles

E. Lloyd-Davies is currently measuring r_c 's and β 's for the XCS clusters. In combination with the work presented in this chapter, it will be possible to construct a statistical description of the likely morphology of the underlying sample. This will be a valuable resource for many areas of cluster science; some examples include optimising source detection algorithms, studying the departures from self-similarity and understanding the selection function of other surveys.

5.7.3 $L - T$ correction

It has been shown that when measuring evolution in the $L - T$ relation, selection effects must be corrected for (Pacaud et al., 2007). The work in this chapter will enable XCS to do this (See Section 6.4).

5.7.4 Group proposal?

In Section 5.6 we showed that a deep survey would detect more low-mass clusters at high redshift than the current archive. We plan to extend this to the group regime. If the trend seen in Figure 5.23 continues down below 2keV, then a narrow survey of > 50 ks would be of tremendous value. Below 2keV systems do not scale in the same way as those considered in this chapter. To assess this properly we need a new set of ECF's for groups and we must consider the best type of profile to use in such a selection function.

5.8 Summary

The work presented in this chapter has demonstrated the way in which many variables can influence cluster detection.

The dependence of the selection function on cosmology enables cluster surveys to constrain cosmological parameters. The results presented and discussed in Section 5.3 enable the XCS to do just that, and were crucial for the production of Sahlén et al. (2009). The selection function used in Sahlén et al. (2009) assumed a fixed cluster profile, the impact of this assumption has been tested in Section 5.4. We see that r_c in particular can strongly influence the detection of clusters; however the more counts a source has, the more this effect is reduced, and the impact on the XCS500 sample is small.

As discussed above, it is widely recognised that an understanding of a survey's selection function must be obtained before any strong conclusions can be drawn, either for cosmology or scaling relation studies. The simulations presented so far in this chapter further highlight this; in particular it is clear that the morphology of the population must be better understood before any naive selection function is applied.

In Section 5.6 we investigated the impact of exposure time on cluster detection. It was shown that in terms of cluster numbers, a shallower wide field survey would be preferable, and exposures greater than 30ks would not give substantial increases. However a 10deg^2 , 50 ks survey would yield significantly greater numbers of low T (and hence low mass) systems at high redshift.

Chapter 6

XCS Selection Function with Two-Dimensional Cluster Profiles from Hydrodynamic Simulations.

It is vital that the selection function of a cluster survey been known accurately before science studies (cosmology, scaling relations etc) be attempted. For the XCS we are forced to use simple, isothermal β models (with fixed core radii and profile slopes) to explore how our selection function depends on the underlying cosmology. This is because the simplicity of the model allows the required number (hundreds of thousands) of detection tests to be made. However, as shown in the previous chapter, the inputs to the beta model can influence the derived selection function dramatically: reasonable adjustments to r_c and β can change the detection efficiency by a factor of 2. The application of a count cut to the XCS cluster catalogue (of 500 counts) mitigates this problem for cosmology studies in the short term. However applying such a cut means that the majority of XCS clusters could not be used for science applications (even after re-observation with XMM or IXO). So, in order to fully exploit XCS in future, it is important that the selection function be better understood at the low-count end. For this, we have explored a new approach to selection function calculations: the use of synthetic clusters produced by N-body SPH simulations. These synthetic clusters have many advantages over isothermal β models because they encode the full structural properties of the clusters (cooling cores, sub structure, projected filaments, temperature gradients etc.). Only recently have simulation boxes been large enough to produce synthetic samples that fully explore the range of temperatures and redshifts seen in a real cluster survey. In this chapter, we present the first attempt to use the CLEF (Kay et al., 2007) synthetic cluster sample to determine the selection function of XCS (albeit under one assumed cosmological model).

In Section 6.3.1 we compare a sample CLEF selection function with an equivalent β profile selection function. We do this to assess the overall reliability of the Chapter 5 selection

functions in comparison with a more realistic alternative. In Section 6.3.3 we assess XAPA’s ability to detect clusters with cool cores. In Section 6.3.4 we assess XAPA’s ability to detect clusters with centrally peaked surface brightness profiles. In Section 6.3.5 we assess XAPA’s ability to detect clusters with various dynamical states. In Section 6.3.6 we determine the impact of the above on the XCS500.

6.1 Motivation

6.1.1 Selection function studies to date

In Chapter 5, all clusters were represented by smooth, isothermal β profiles. Although this simplification allows a full coverage of the relevant parameters ($\Omega_m, \Omega_\Lambda, L, T, z, r_c, \beta, e$) it does lack realism. After all, real clusters are neither smooth in their surface brightness profile, nor are they isothermal; some clusters have cool cores, while others have a large amount of substructure. In efforts to include more realistic types of objects some authors have begun to use profiles of real clusters in their selection function studies, by scaling them to various redshifts. For example Burenin et al. (2007) use this method to give a comparison to their standard (β -model) selection function. This comparison gave them an indication of how large an effect departures from the β model had on their calculated selection function. They concluded that using “re-observation” of known clusters should allow an understanding of the effects of substructure and cool cores on detection. There are however a few potential pitfalls that must be avoided before using this method alone to determine the final selection function of a survey: if drawn from an inhomogeneous sample, or one without a known selection function, the use of real clusters may lead to using clusters that are inherently biased toward one property or another. In worst cases this could result in not having a selection function for some real but undetected objects, leading to an over estimation of completeness. Another complication lies with the re-scaling necessary to create a large enough test sample across a relevant redshift range. The scaling is non-trivial since many of the relationships between parameters used in the modelling of clusters are not clearly understood. r_c for example should be expected to scale with cluster mass, as it is related to the size of the cluster, thus due to the M-L relation, more luminous clusters should have different sized cores to less luminous clusters. Many authors have attempted to measure the $r_c - T$ relation with little agreement being seen between the various studies (Ota and Mitsuda (2004), Sanderson and Ponman (2003)). The $\beta - T$ relation is also not well understood although β is seen to drop with temperature. Until these relations are well constrained it is very difficult to properly construct a realistic sample with which to test the selection function of a survey using re-observations of a limited set of input clusters.

6.1.2 Alternative approach

With recent developments in the area of numerical simulations we are presented with an alternative to the above approaches. Many simulations now exist that are able to both reproduce the observed scaling relations, and also produce samples of clusters with a wide range of morphologies similar to that seen in the observed population (e.g. Kay et al. (2007), Gazzola and Pearce (2007)). Some authors have also created ‘observational’ data for their simulated clusters in order to compare them to real cluster data, including both images and spectra. This work ‘observing’ simulated clusters is akin to pointed, follow-up analysis of the clusters (e.g. Cheng et al. (2005), Henning et al. (2009), Ameglio et al. (2009)). However the samples now being generated in these simulations are in fact large enough that we can also utilize them for a statistical study of detection biases.

Some members and affiliates of XCS are actively involved in cosmological simulations and so have provided us with emission measure profiles from the CLEF (Kay et al., 2007) simulation for use in this work.

6.2 The CLEF Cosmological Simulation

This section will give a description of the sample of clusters drawn from CLEF. The text in this section has been edited from Kay et al. (2007) (hereafter KAY07), with minor textual alterations and some additional information to suit the context. Before we do this it is necessary to define a few terms used in the description.

6.2.1 Definition of terms

- **Spectroscopic-like temperature.** Theoretical models of X-ray clusters commonly use an emission-weighted temperature to estimate the temperature of a cluster. This involves weighting the temperature contribution from each particle in favour of hotter, denser particles. Mazzotta et al. (2004) applied the same methods used by observers to measure the spectroscopic temperature of simulated clusters, and found that it was always lower than this emission-weighted estimator. They propose a Spectroscopic-like temperature (T_{sl}) estimator that weights the particle contributions in favour of cooler, denser particles. This estimator more accurately matches the temperatures measured observationally.
- **R500.** The virial radius of a gravitationally bound object, such as a cluster of galaxies, is the radius of the sphere within which the virial theorem holds. This radius is observationally difficult to determine, and so a more easily defined value is commonly used. This alternative refers to objects in terms of their overdensity with respect to the critical value ($\rho_c(z)$). The radius at which the overdensity has a value

of $\rho(z)/\rho_c(z) = 500$ is commonly used in cluster studies as it roughly corresponds to the smallest density contrast accessible to the deepest X-ray observations. This radius is called R500 and the mass enclosed within is called M500.

6.2.2 An overview of CLEF

The CLEF simulation (Kay et al., 2005) is a large N-body SPH (Smoothed Particle Hydrodynamic) simulation of the Λ CDM cosmology with radiative cooling, star formation, and feedback. The simulation contains 2×428^3 particles within a $200h^{-1}\text{Mpc}$ comoving box, half of which are dark matter ($m_{\text{dark}} = 7.1 \times 10^9 h^{-1}M_{\odot}$), and half baryonic gas ($m_{\text{gas}} = 1.4 \times 10^9 h^{-1}M_{\odot}$). The initial conditions were evolved to $z = 0$ using a version of GADGET2 (Springel, 2005), allowing any gas with $T > 10^4\text{K}$ to cool radiatively assuming a plasma of $Z = 0.3Z_{\odot}$. The authors mimic feedback from galactic outflows in such a way that reproduces the observed excess entropy (see Section 1.3.4) in groups/clusters. Cooled gas with an overdensity $\delta > 100$, $n_H > 10^{-3}\text{cm}^{-3}$, and $T < 12,000\text{K}$ is identified as starforming, $\sim 10\%$ of the cooled gas particles are reheated and given an entropy of $S = 1000\text{keV cm}^2$, the rest is converted to collisionless star particles. The reheated gas has a much higher thermal energy than the viral temperature of typical haloes, causing the gas to be redistributed through viscous interactions and shocks.

6.2.3 The CLEF cluster sample

The sample of clusters drawn from CLEF (KAY07) is one of the largest to come from a single simulation, with nearly one hundred clusters ($KT > 2\text{keV}$) at $z=0$ and sixty at $z=1$. Figure 6.1 illustrates spectroscopic temperature maps with surface brightness contours of the 5 most massive clusters at $z = 0.0$ and $z = 1.0$. There is a large amount of temperature structure within the CLEF clusters, particularly cold spots due to cool, low-entropy gas trapped within infalling sub-clusters. The intensity scale in Figure 6.1 is defined by the minimum and maximum temperature; the dynamic range is typically an order of magnitude ($T_{\text{max}}/T_{\text{min}}$), with maximum temperatures being around twice that of the mean. This temperature structure is also reflected in the surface brightness maps (see Section 6.2.4), as seen in real clusters (e.g. The famous ‘Bullet Cluster’, Figure 6.2).

In the rest of this section we will look at some of the key parameters used by KAY07 to describe the features of the CLEF sample, and in Section 6.3.1 we will discuss why this is relevant and useful to XCS.

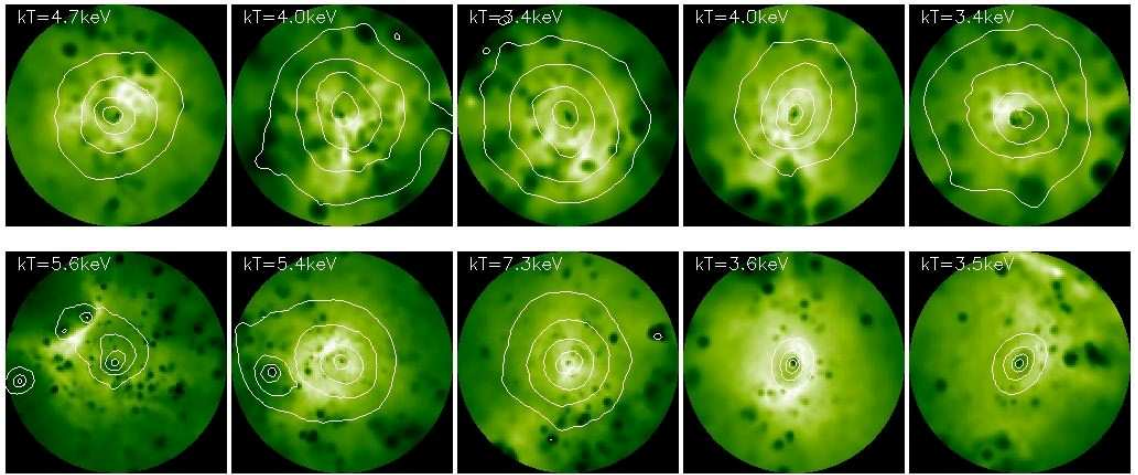


Figure 6.1: Figure 2 and caption from Kay et al. (2007). “Spectroscopic-like temperature maps of the 5 most massive clusters (in order of decreasing mass, left to right) at $z = 1$ (top panels) and $z = 0$ (bottom panels). The spectroscopic-like temperature is given in each panel. Surface-brightness contours (normalised to the maximum value) are overlaid; adjacent contours correspond to a difference in surface brightness of a factor of 4. Images are centred on the maximum surface-brightness pixel and are shown out to $R500$.”

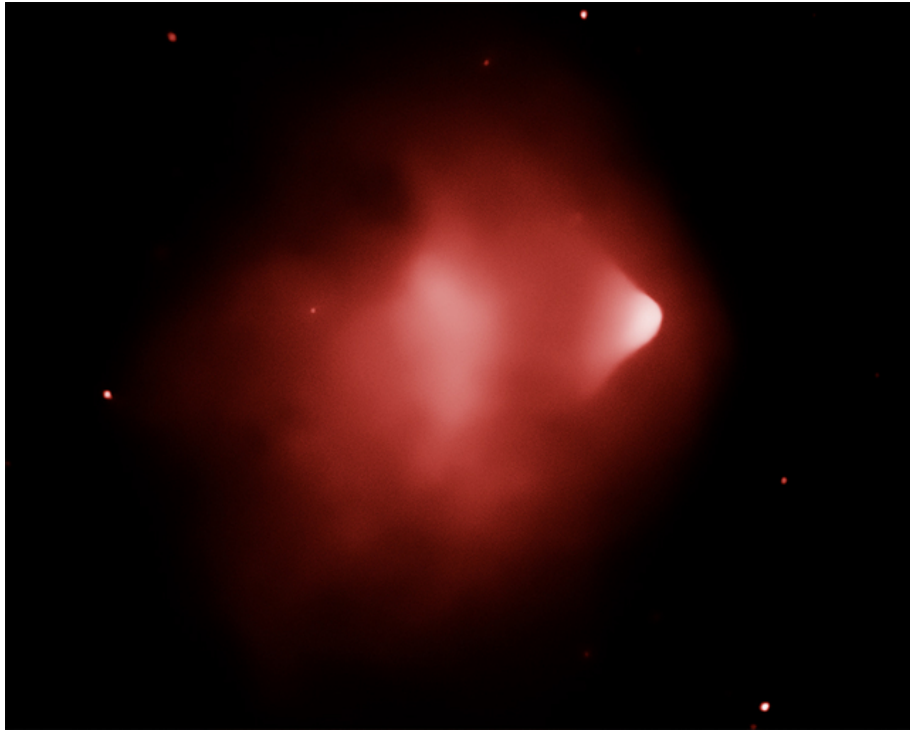


Figure 6.2: A Chandra X-ray image of the ‘Bullet Cluster’ 1E 0657-56. Image credit: NASA/CXC/CfA/M.Markevitch et al.

6.2.4 Substructure

As seen in Figure 6.3 there is a varied amount of substructure in the CLEF clusters. KAY07 quantify this using a centroid shift method to measure substructure in their clusters surface brightness maps.

$$S_X = \frac{R_{\Sigma,max} - R_{\Sigma,cen}}{R_{500}} \quad (6.1)$$

where $R_{\Sigma,max}$ is the position of the pixel with maximum surface brightness (taken to be the centre of the cluster) and $R_{\Sigma,cen}$ is the surface-brightness centroid. The authors have split the sample into regular ($S_X \leq 0.1$) and irregular ($S_X > 0.1$) clusters. This division is somewhat arbitrary but does allow an easy way of comparing the most disturbed clusters with the rest of the sample. Figure 6.4 shows the distribution of S_X within the cluster sample as a function of temperature. Figure 6.3 shows surface brightness maps of clusters with both high and low S_X values.

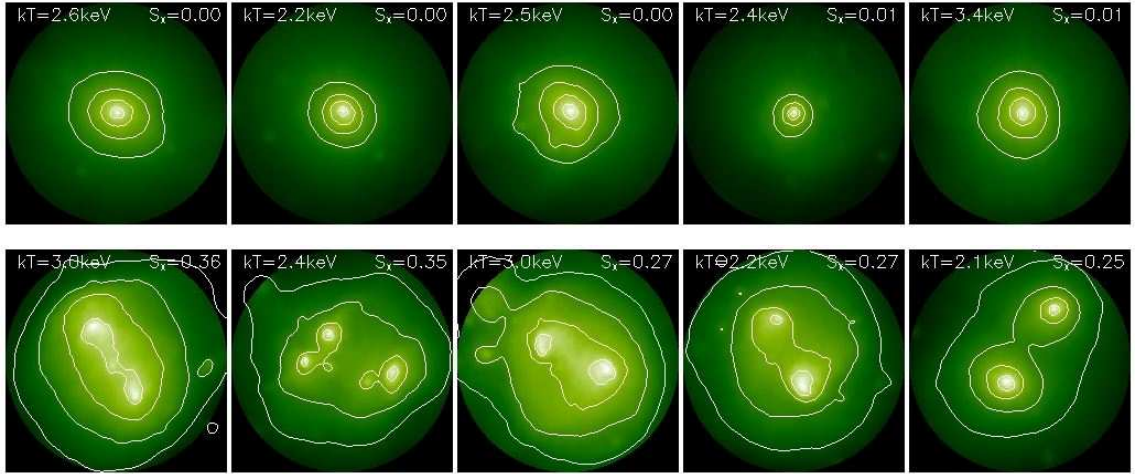


Figure 6.3: Figure 6 and caption from Kay et al. (2007). “*Bolometric surface-brightness maps of the 5 clusters with the lowest (top panels) and 5 with the highest (bottom panels) substructure statistic (S_X) at $z = 0$. In this case, clusters are centred on the surface-brightness centroid.*”

6.2.5 Core structure parameters

As seen from the temperature profiles shown in Figure 6.5, the majority of clusters from CLEF have cool cores. Cool cores result in centrally peaked surface brightness profiles (see Figure 6.6). In order to quantify the strength of the cores KAY07 have defined two parameters, f_T and f_L .

$$f_T = \frac{T_{sl}(< R_1)}{T_{sl}(R_1 \leq R \leq R_2)} \quad (6.2)$$

$$f_L = \frac{L_{bol}(< R_1)}{L_{bol}(R_3)} \quad (6.3)$$

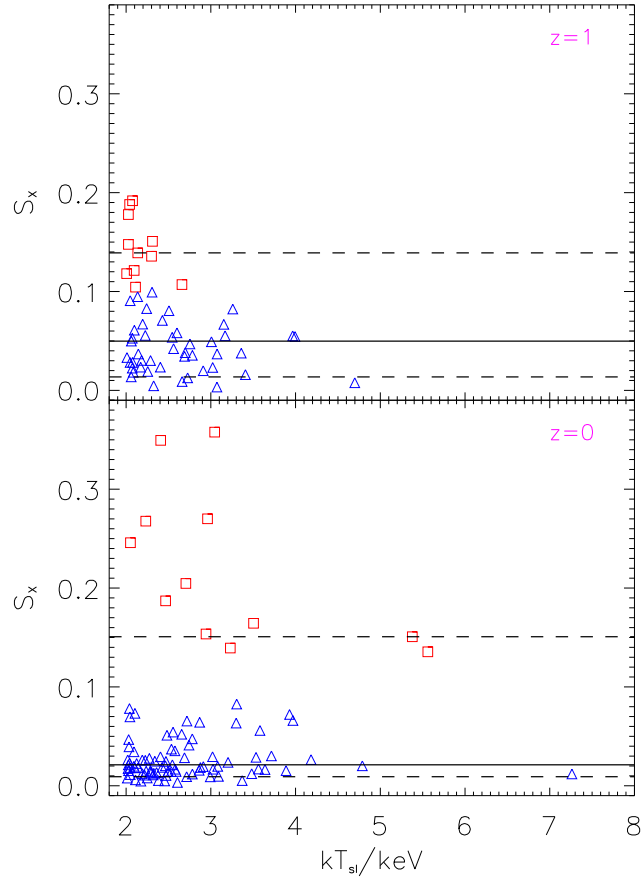


Figure 6.4: Figure 5 and caption from Kay et al. (2007). “Substructure statistic, S_X , versus spectroscopic-like temperature for clusters at $z = 1$ and $z = 0$. Triangles illustrate regular clusters with $S_X \leq 0.1$ and squares irregular clusters with $S_X > 0.1$. The solid horizontal line is the median S_X and the dashed lines the 10 and 90 percentiles.”

where $[R_1, R_2, R_3] = [0.1, 0.3, 1.0]R_{500}$. R_1 approximately defines the radius where the temperature profile stops rising, R_1 and R_2 approximately define the (maximum) temperature plateau, and R_3 is the outer radius of the cluster. Given these definitions f_T measures the ratio of the core the maximum temperature of the cluster, i.e a lower f_T value indicates a cooler core. f_L measures the fraction of bolometric luminosity coming from the core, clusters with the highest core surface brightness having the highest f_L values. The distribution in the two parameters can be seen in Figure 6.7, as the Figure shows the median f_T increases with redshift, and f_L decreases, i.e. the cluster cores are cooler and more X-ray concentrated at lower redshift.

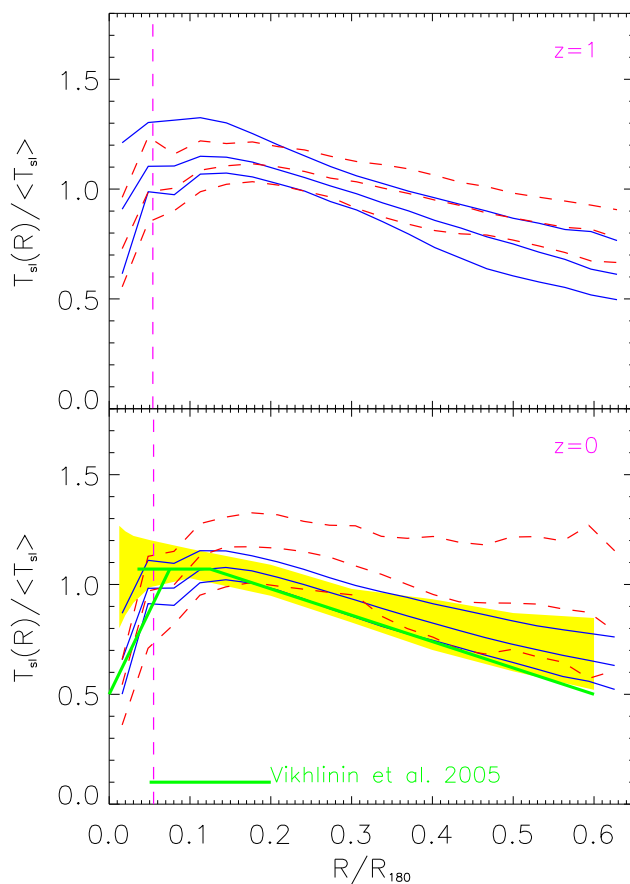


Figure 6.5: Figure 7 and caption from Kay et al. (2007). “Scaled projected spectroscopic-like temperature profiles at $z = 1$ and $z = 0$. Solid curves are median and 10/90 percentiles for regular clusters, and dashed curves for irregular clusters. The vertical dashed line illustrates the median scaled softening radius (i.e. where the gravitational force becomes softer than Newtonian). The thick solid lines (with zero and negative gradient) are fits to the average observed temperature profile of cool core clusters, as measured by Vikhlinin et al. (2005); the inner line is a rough fit to their data to illustrate the cool core. The shaded region encloses the mean and 1σ standard deviation temperature profile for a representative sample of nearby clusters by Pratt et al. (2007).”

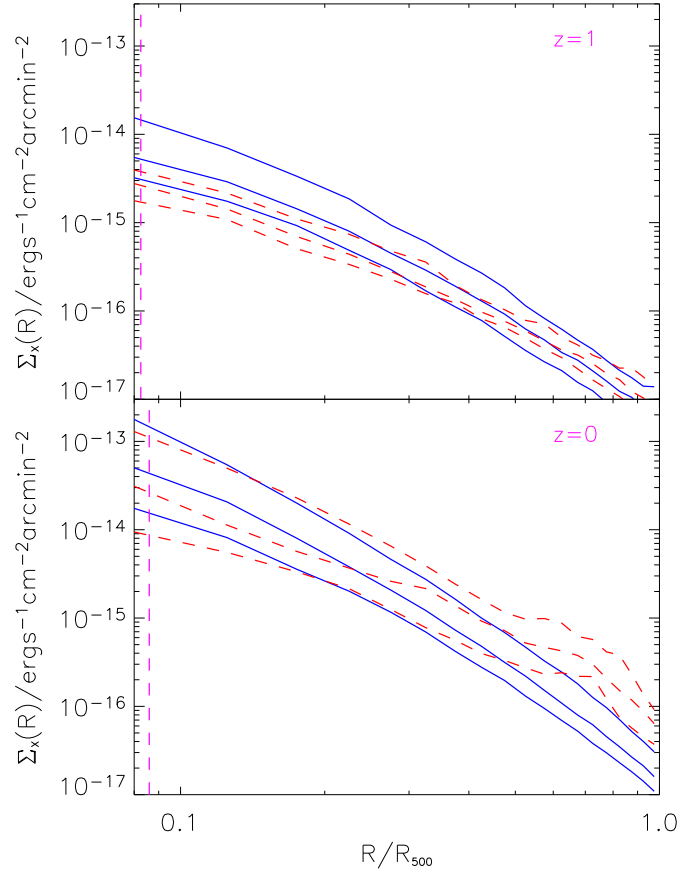


Figure 6.6: Figure 8 and caption from Kay et al. (2007). “*Bolometric surface-brightness profiles at $z = 1$ and $z = 0$. Again, solid curves are median and 10/90 percentile values for regular clusters, and dashed curves for irregular clusters. The vertical dashed line marks the median force resolution, $2.8\epsilon/R_{500}$.*”

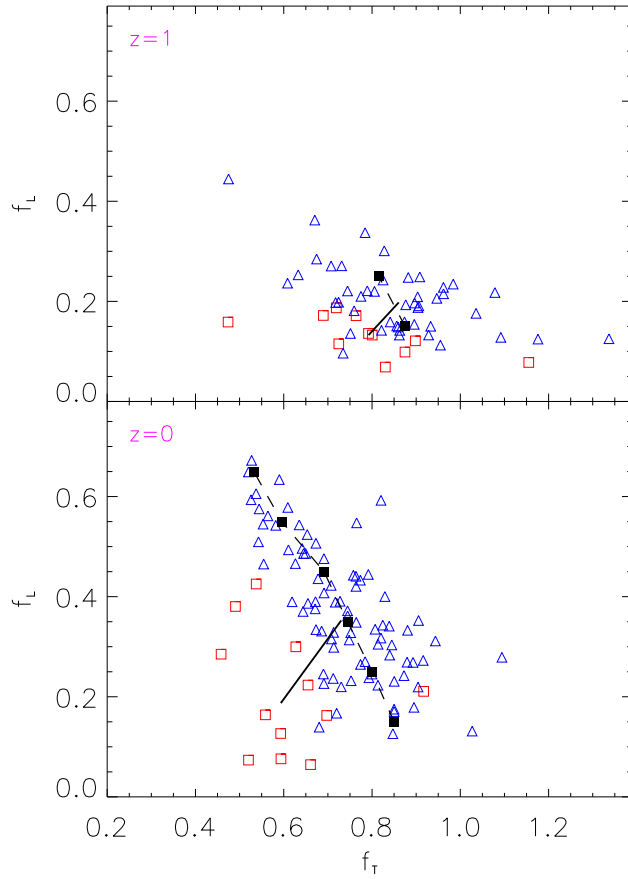


Figure 6.7: Figure 11 and caption from Kay et al. (2007). “X-ray concentration parameter, f_L , versus core-to-maximum temperature ratio, f_T , for clusters at $z = 1$ and $z = 0$. Triangles are regular clusters and squares irregular clusters, with their median (f_T, f_L) co-ordinates connected by a solid line. Solid squares, joined by dashed lines, illustrate the median f_T at fixed intervals of 0.1 in f_L , for regular clusters.”

6.3 XCS selection function: testing the dependence on the core properties and substructure

6.3.1 Method

Inputting CLEF clusters into XMM images

The process by which the CLEF profiles are input into the XMM images is basically the same as described in Section 5.2, aside from the creation of the fake cluster profile. Note that for calculating the total count rates we use the mean cluster temperature of the CLEF clusters, as opposed to using the varying temperature profile; these counts are then distributed using the emission measure profile (see Onuora et al. (2003) for details) as a probability map. The emission measure maps fully encode variations in temperature and density and so this approach will preserve any substructure in the surface brightness and also the presence of any central peak caused by a cool core. The rest of the process follows the steps outlined in Section 5.2. The initial set of selection function runs using the CLEF clusters proceeded as follows: Cluster profiles were randomly drawn from the CLEF sample and run through the detection pipelines, the process was repeated until each CLEF cluster ($T_{sl} > 2\text{keV}$) had been ‘observed’ a sufficient number of times to determine reliable mean detection efficiencies. The number of clusters in the selection function run is the dominant factor in the size of the errors. To reduce the size of the error bars seen previously (See e.g. Figure 5.3), we ran this until at least 150 input clusters were present in each redshift bin; this number was increased to 200 for the two most distant bins. This should more clearly distinguish any potential differences in detection between the CLEF sample and the β clusters.

Direct comparison with standard β profiles

Using the data from the CLEF selection function run, we ran a duplicate set of simulations replacing each CLEF cluster with a β profile of the type used in the standard XCS selection function (i.e $\beta = 2/3$, $r_c = 160\text{kpc}$). The second run exactly copied the first in terms of cluster placement, luminosities and temperatures, thus enabling an understanding of the impact of the differing morphology between the two samples.

6.3.2 Comparison of the two selection function methods

Figure 6.8 shows the results of this initial test with 1σ error bars. At low redshift the difference in RECOVERY efficiency is relatively small (at $z = 0.1$, the change when using the CLEF clusters is 91% to 85%, a relative drop of $\sim 7\%$), however at high redshift the

differences become more important, at $z = 1.0$ XCS would detect $\sim 60\%$ more clusters (11% vs 17.5%) if the underlying sample was more CLEF-like than the isothermal β assumption made previously. The reasons for this difference in RECOVERY will be addressed in the following subsections. Within Figure 6.8 there appears to either be a slight drop in RECOVERY of the β profile clusters at $z = 0.6$, or a slight increase in RECOVERY at $z = 0.7$, this is most likely statistical noise in the data. Overall, the two methods are very similar, and are within the statistical errors. This similarity justifies the use of the β profiles in Sahlén et al. (2009).

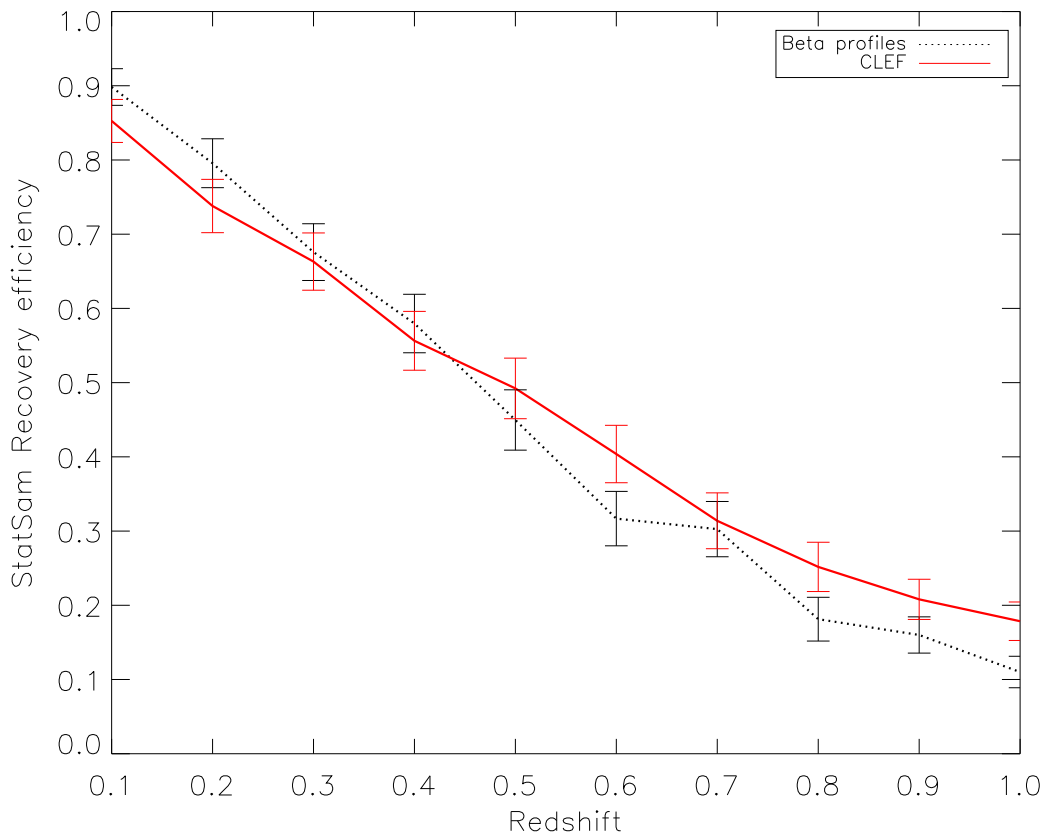


Figure 6.8: A comparison of the detectability of CLEF clusters vs. the β profiles used in the standard XCS selection function ($\beta = 2/3$, $r_c = 160\text{kpc}$).

6.3.3 RECOVERY efficiency of cool-core clusters

As discussed in Section 6.2, the majority of clusters in the CLEF sample contain cool cores. This property of CLEF enables us to test how effective XAPA is at RECOVERING cool-core clusters over a range of redshifts. Figure 6.9 demonstrates the trend in RECOVERY for two sub-samples of CLEF clusters, those with $f_T < 1.0$ (mild cool core), and those with $f_T < \text{median } f_T$ (strong cool core). There is little difference seen between these two sub-samples. This is not very surprising, the strength of the cool core is defined by f_T , but it is the X-ray concentration (f_L) that will influence detection (i.e T is not particularly important, see

Section 5.3 and Figure 5.5). Figure 6.7 showed that while there is a clear anti-correlation between f_T and f_L , there is also a significant amount of scatter. Understanding the detection trend with f_L will give us the best indication of how well XAPA is able to detect clusters that are most likely to contain a cool-core.

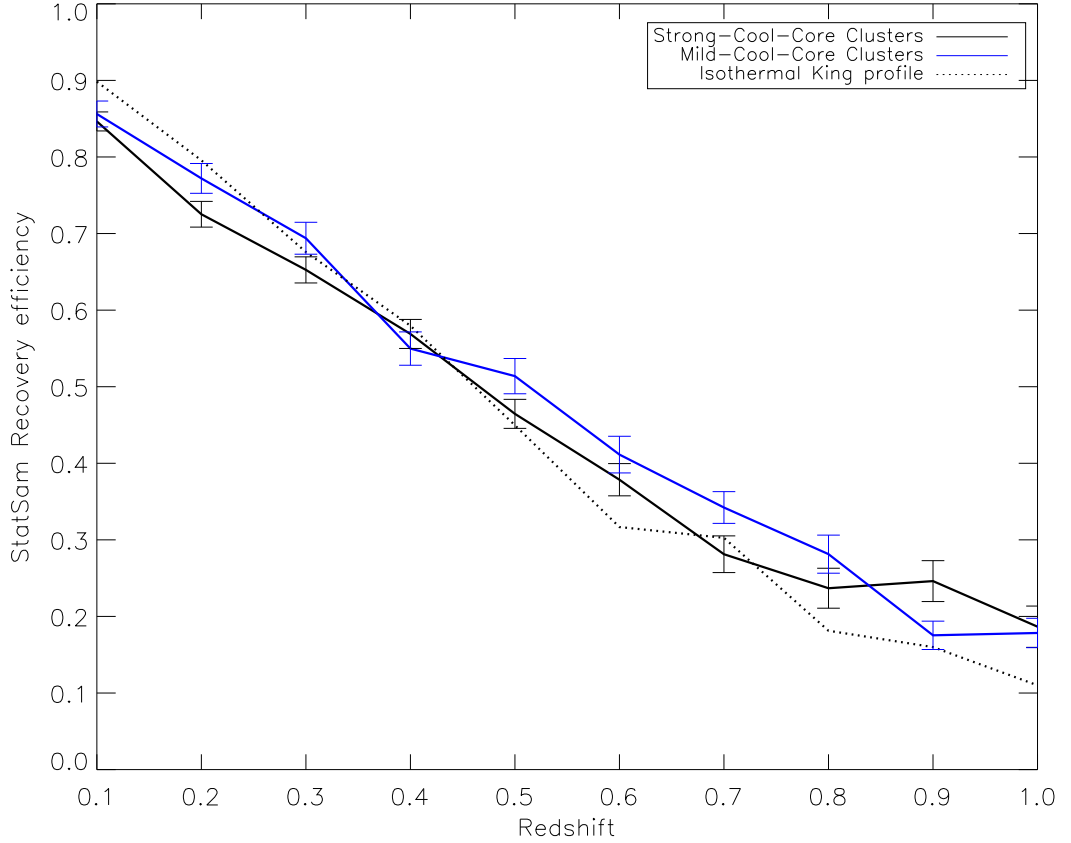


Figure 6.9: Detection and classification efficiency shown for 2 CLEF cluster sub-samples based on cool core strength: mild: $f_T < 1.0$, and strong: $f_T < \text{median } f_T$

6.3.4 RECOVERY efficiency of clusters with centrally peaked profiles

Figure 6.10 shows that when separating the sub-samples by f_L , a clearer difference in RECOVERY appears. The sub-samples are defined in Table 6.1. It can be seen in the figure that those clusters with the strongest core emission are RECOVERED 50% less than those that are less concentrated across much of the considered redshift range (e.g at $z = 0.5$: 60% of the Non-Cool-Core clusters are recovered, however only 30% of the Strong-Cool-Core sample is recovered).

Figures 6.11 demonstrates that the drop in RECOVERY is not due to a drop in detection. Figure 6.11 shows the fraction of input objects that are detected, regardless of extent classification or flagging (see Section 3.3.3 for details of the warning flags). The samples show similar behaviour at $z \leq 0.5$; beyond this redshift the detectability of the samples

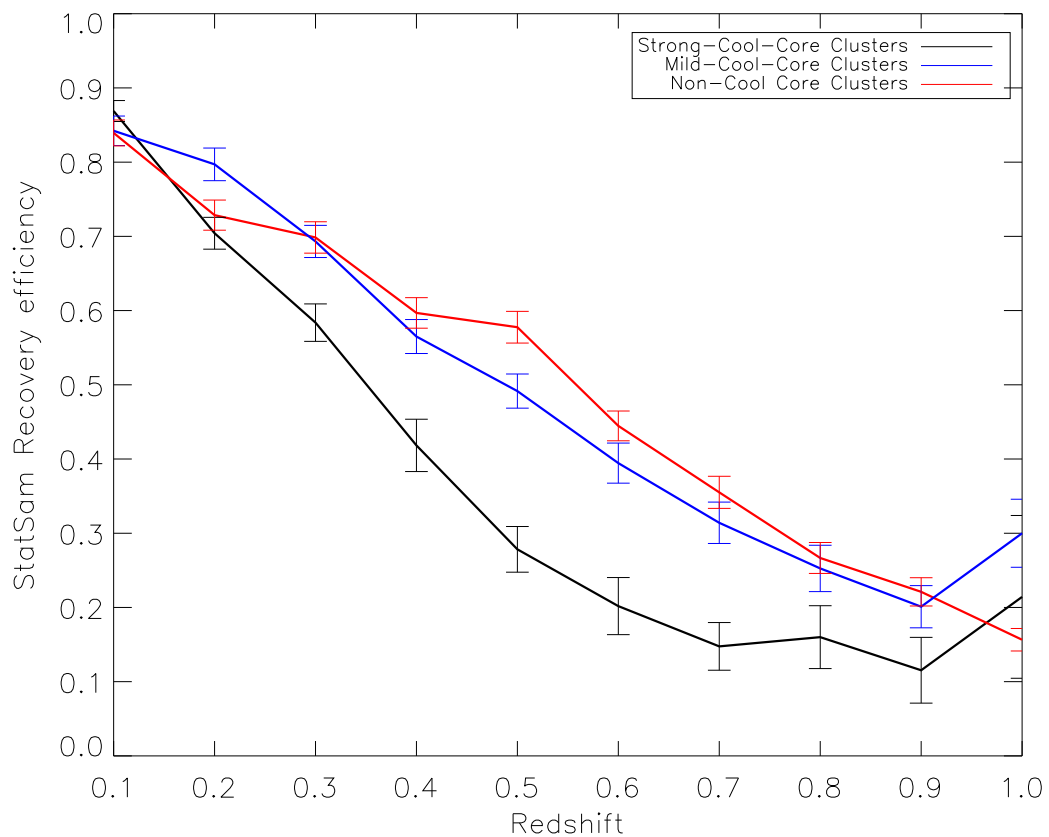


Figure 6.10: RECOVERY efficiency shown for 3 CLEF cluster sub-samples based on X-ray concentration: non-cool-core: $f_L < \text{median } f_L$, mild-cool-core: $f_L > \text{median } f_L$, strong-cool-core: $f_L > 1.5 \times \text{median } f_L$

begins to diverge. The data shows that the stronger the core the more likely it is that the cluster will be detected at high z . We see from Figure 6.12 that the RECOVERY bias is due to XAPA’s mis-classification of the Strong-Cool-Core sample as point sources, or due to the sources being flagged as suspicious. The clusters that are more concentrated are easier to detect, however they are also more likely to be classified as pointlike, having PSF-sized extent, or to be detected with significant internal point sources (See Figure 6.12) and so rejected from the final XCS Statistical Sample (see Section 3.6). This effect shows an increasing trend with redshift, and by $z = 0.8$, 5 times more clusters are rejected from the Strong-Cool-Core sample than the Non-Cool-Core sample for this reason. Figure 6.12(b) enables us to distinguish between the reasons for clusters not being RECOVERED; it shows that cool-core clusters are often correctly classified as extended, but XAPA also tends to detect the core as a contaminating point source within the region of extent. It may be that an adjustment of the flagging criteria would remove this trend. The flagging procedures are in place to lessen the chance of mis-classification caused by inadequacies in the PSF model. A better model might not require the flags at all, although further investigation will need to be done when a new PSF model is implemented.

Sample name	f_L range
non-cool-core	$f_L < \text{median } f_L$
mild-cool-core	$f_L > \text{median } f_L$
strong-cool-core	$f_L > 1.5 \times \text{median } f_L$

Table 6.1: Definitions of the CLEF subsamples based on their X-ray concentration, f_L .

Splitting the CLEF sample into subsamples defined by f_T and f_L provides a useful way of examining the detection of clusters with largely differing core properties, however the divisions that create these samples are artificial. f_T and f_L are both parameters with continuous variation. Figure 6.13 demonstrates XAPA’s sensitivity to f_T and f_L as a function of redshift. The median values are shown with solid black lines, and the 10 and 90 percentiles of the data are shown with dotted lines, beyond which the data is too sparse to draw strong conclusions. The peak in detection lies in the range $0.25 > f_L > 0.2$ across the whole of $0.1 < z < 1.0$. The behaviour seen in Figure 6.10 is also apparent in Figure 6.13(b), where the clusters with higher f_L values are recovered less frequently. Figure 6.13(a) further supports the conclusions drawn from Figure 6.9, in that the contours are approximately vertical, indicating that f_T does not directly influence detection.

6.3.5 Detection of clusters containing substructure

CLEF also provides us with the opportunity to assess how the presence of internal cluster substructure influences detection. This is a very important question to investigate. Favoured models of structure formation predict increased merger rates at higher redshifts, therefore any attempt to detect clusters at high- z must take substructure into account.

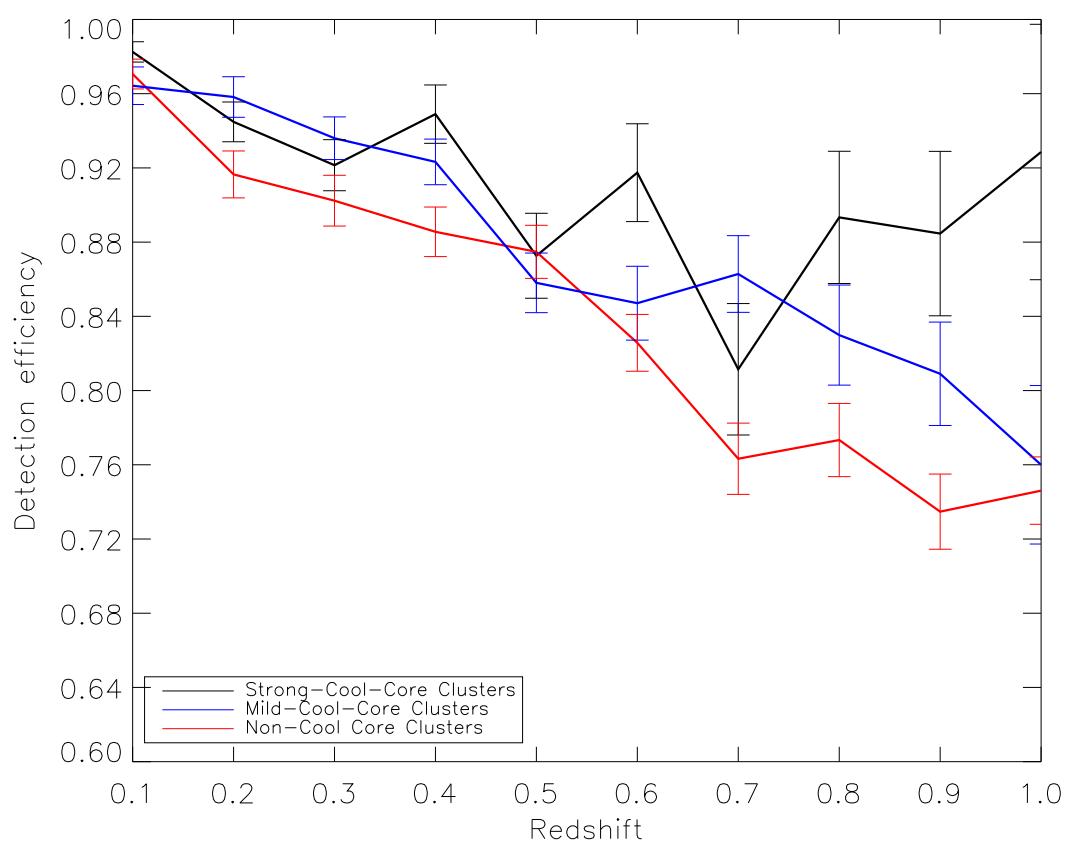
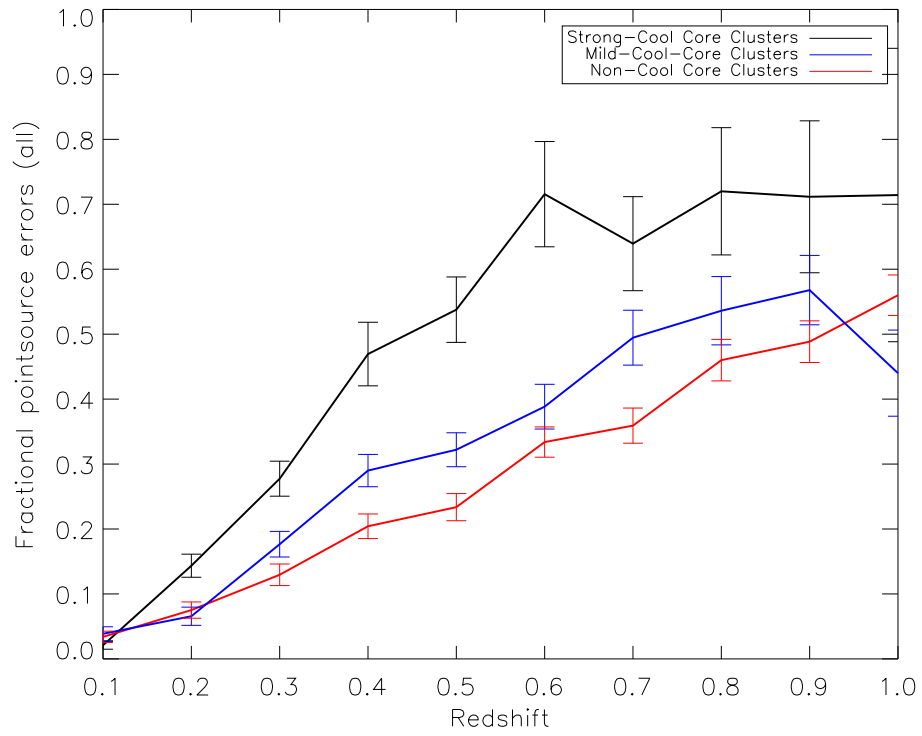
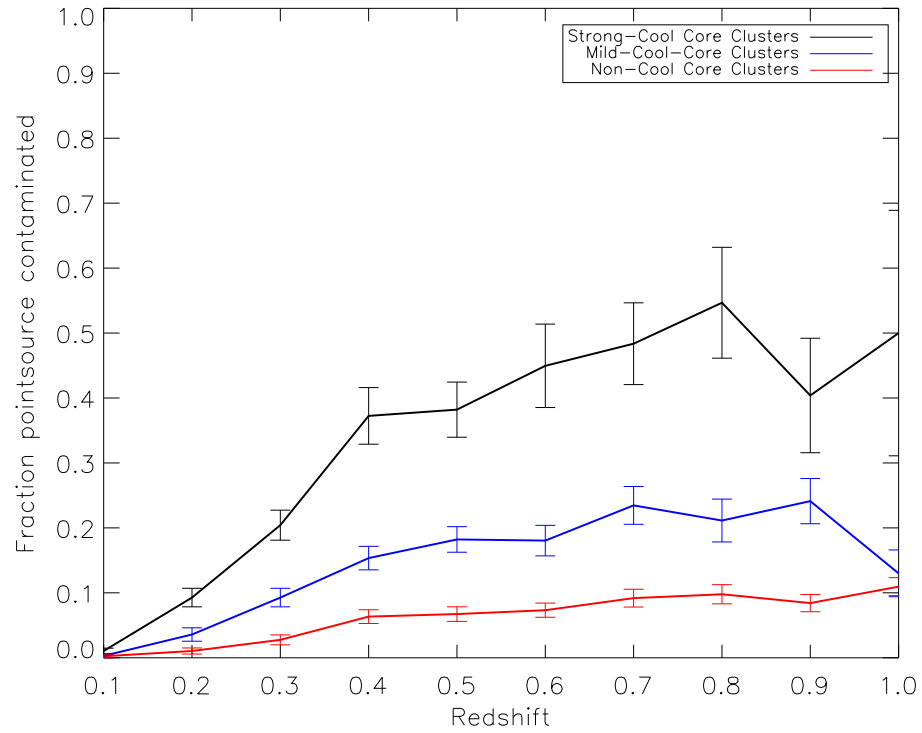


Figure 6.11: Figure 6.10 without the constraint on classification. All detected objects are plotted regardless of extent.



(a)



(b)

Figure 6.12: Fig 6.12(a): The percentage of input clusters that are detected, but classified as pointlike, or have one or more of PSF-SIZED FLAG, POINTSOURCE CONTAMINATED FLAG or RUN1 CONTAMINATED FLAG, for the CLEF sub-samples defined by f_L . Fig 6.12(b) shows only those detected as extended but having the POINTSOURCE CONTAMINATED FLAG or RUN1 CONTAMINATED FLAG.

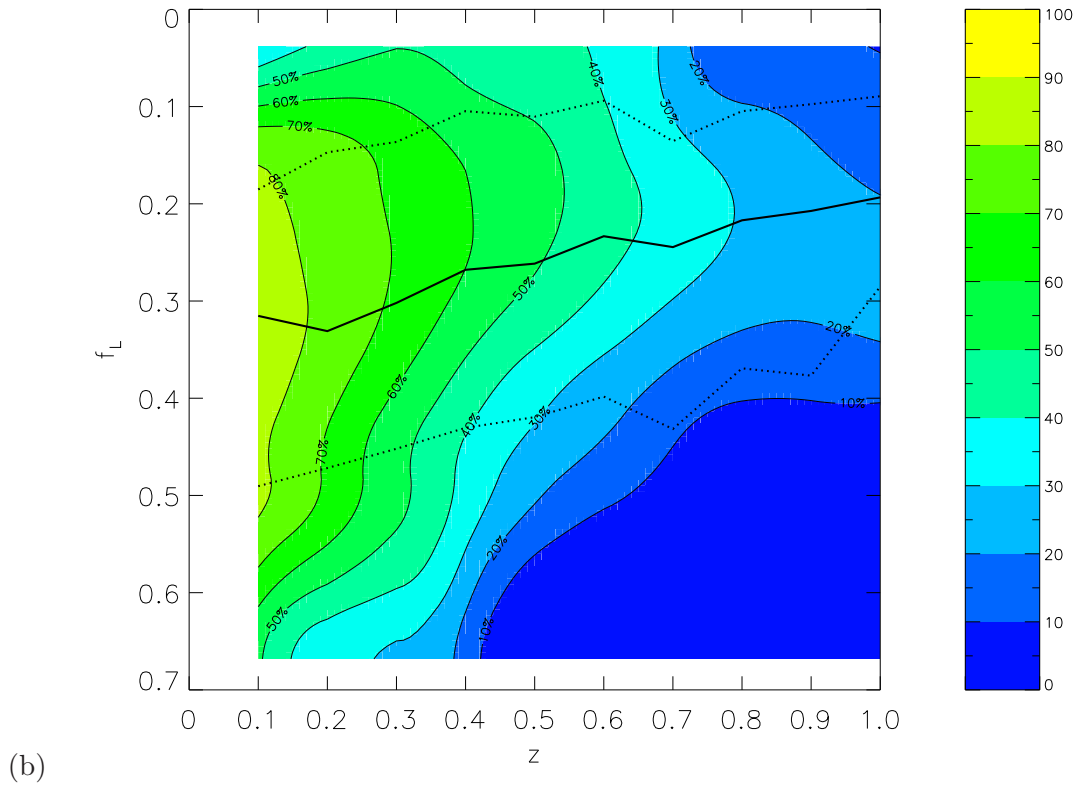
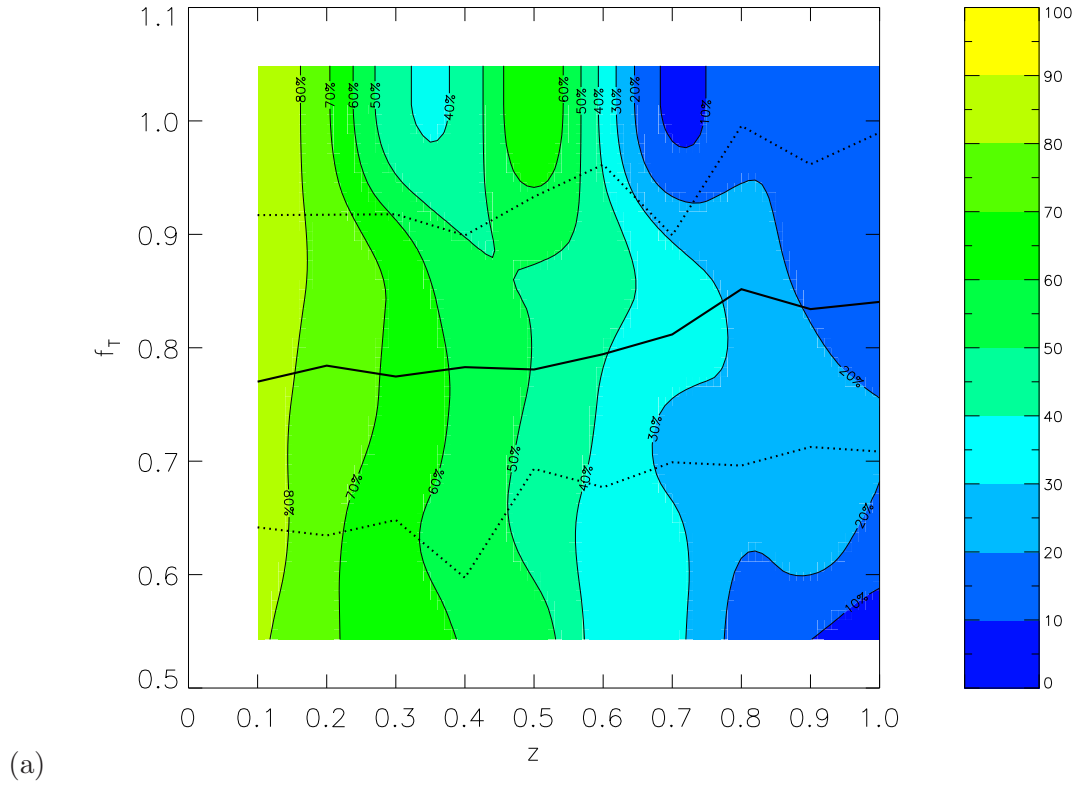


Figure 6.13: XCS StatSam recovery efficiency for CLEF clusters as a function of redshift and f_T (Fig6.13(a)), and redshift and f_L (Fig6.13(b)). The solid black line represents the median value at each redshift, the dotted lines mark the 10 and 90 percentiles of the data.

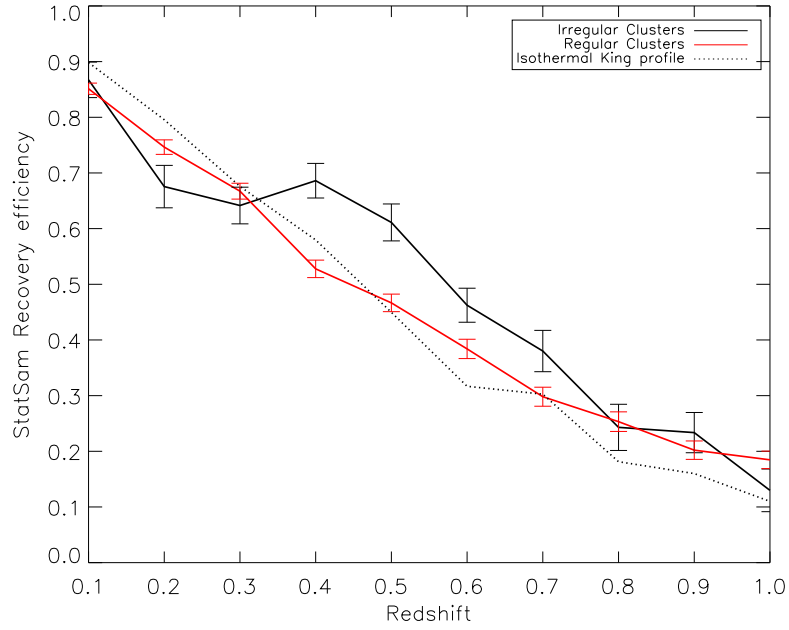
Figure 6.14(a) shows the XCS StatSam recovery efficiency for the regular ($S_X \leq 0.1$) and irregular ($S_X > 0.1$) CLEF clusters (See Section 6.2.4 for definitions). The irregular sample is seen to be systematically easier to detect and correctly classify than the regular sample in the range $0.3 < z < 0.8$. Figure 6.14(b) shows that this is due to regular clusters being more likely to be mis-classified as point sources or containing point source contamination. This result may however be an artifact of the nature of CLEF. Clusters in the simulation that have not undergone a recent merger event tend to have the coolest cores, and likewise irregular clusters tend to have low f_L values as the presence of a sub-cluster boosts the overall luminosity without affecting the core luminosity. The variation in recovery with S_X seen in figure 6.15 may be just as much a result of the absence of strongly peaked cool cores as it is the presence of substructure. It should be noted here that the apparent drop in RECOVERY at larger S_X is due to a lack of objects in this region of the plot, and not because of any real trend (the 90 percentile line shows that very few objects have $S_X > 0.15$). To investigate the effect of S_X on RECOVERY in more detail we would require a larger set of non-cool-core clusters that have a wide variation in amount of substructure. Larger simulations do now exist, containing more objects than CLEF, The Millenium Gas project (Gazzola and Pearce (2007), Hartley et al. (2008)) for example may contain such objects, however this will have to be investigated at a future date.

6.3.6 Applying a count cut to the sample

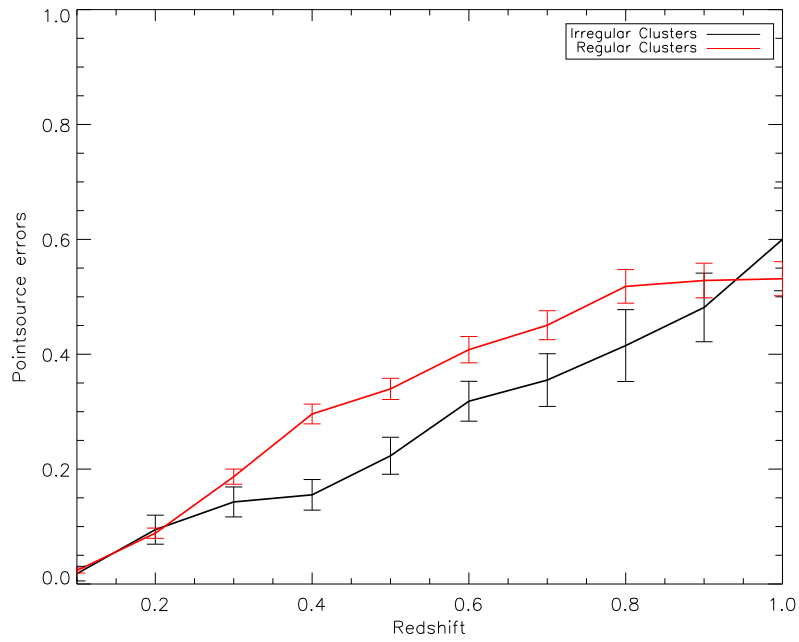
As discussed in Section 3.6.1, the addition of a minimum 500 count detection limit has been set on the cluster sample being used by XCS for cosmology. In Section 5.4.1 it was shown that the addition of this count cut removes some of the detection biases caused by profile variations. It is important at this point to see if the trends seen thus far in this chapter would be present in the XCS500, or whether a large enough number of counts enables XAPA to properly recover the CLEF clusters regardless of core strength or dynamical state. Figure 6.16 shows how the effect of f_L on recovery changes as a count limit is applied and increased through 100, 200 and 500 counts. It is clear that increasing the count cut reduces the large variation in recovery as a function of f_L . Based on this evidence the XCS500 should contain clusters with a range X-ray concentrations, and so should be unbiased with respect to Cool-Core clusters. If a 500 count criteria is applied to Figure 6.8 we should expect therefore that the CLEF sample and β profile clusters should have overlapping recovery trends (See Figure 6.17). Figure 6.17 shows that the two samples have similar behaviour with respect to redshift, and all the bins, except at $z = 0.4$, have overlapping 1σ uncertainties.

6.3.7 The impact of the selection function upon the $L - T$ relation

The XCS cluster sample will be used to make an accurate measurement of the $L - T$ relation; we expect to measure the normalization and slope to $\pm 6\%$ and $\pm 13\%$ respectively



(a)



(b)

Figure 6.14: Fig 6.14: Detection and classification efficiency for both the regular ($S_X \leq 0.1$) and irregular ($S_X > 0.1$) CLEF clusters. The XCS β profile data is overplotted for comparison (Dotted line). Fig 6.14(b) shows the percentage of input clusters that are detected, but classified as pointlike, PSF sized, or as having significant point source contamination.

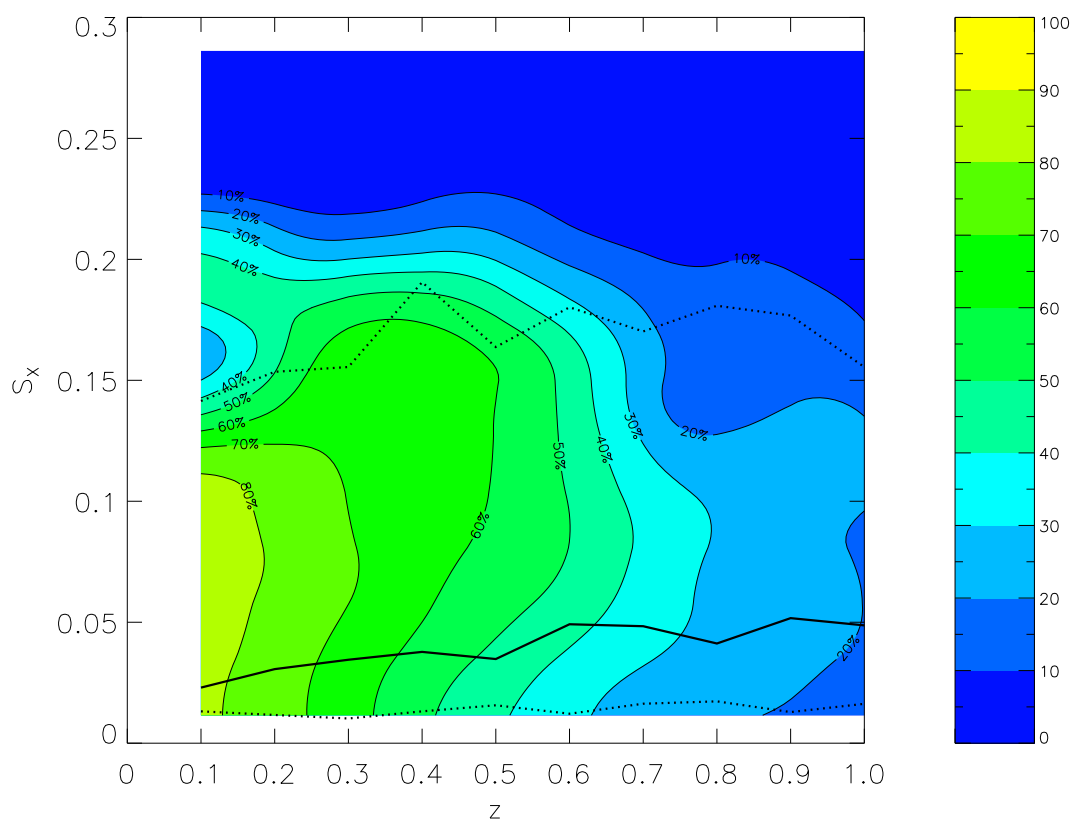


Figure 6.15: XCS StatSam recovery efficiency for CLEF clusters as a function of redshift and the amount of substructure, S_X . The solid black line represents the median value at each redshift, the dotted lines mark the 10 and 90 percentiles of the data.

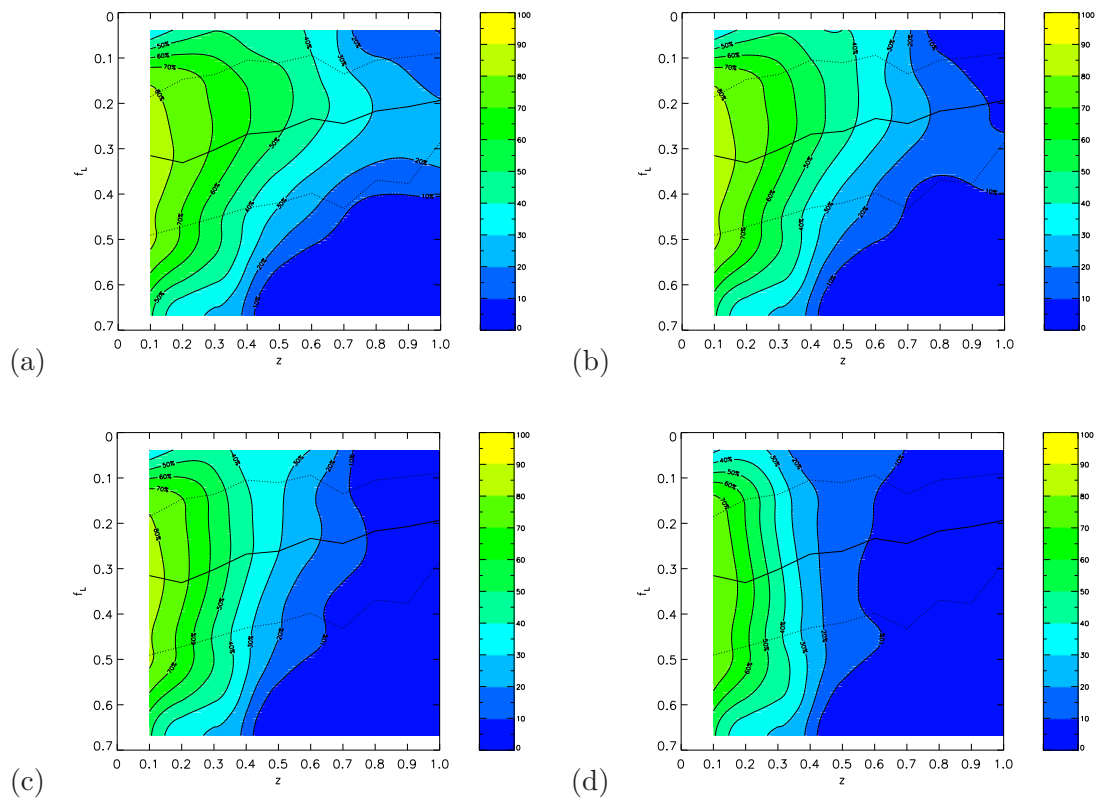


Figure 6.16: Same as Figure 6.13(b), but with additional requirements on the detected number of counts; Figure 6.16(a): ≥ 0 counts (same as Figure 6.10), Figure 6.16(b): ≥ 100 counts, Figure 6.16(c): ≥ 200 counts, Figure 6.16(d): ≥ 500 counts, .

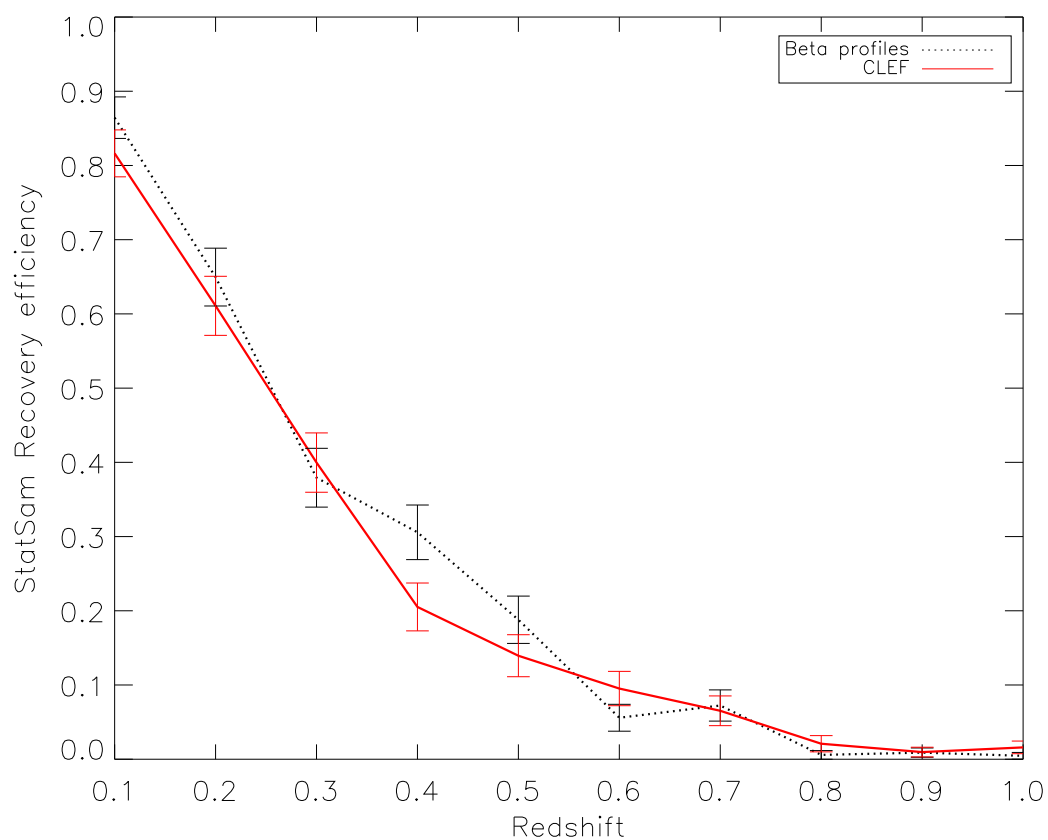


Figure 6.17: Same as Figure 6.8, but with the additional requirement that clusters be detected with at least 500 counts.

(at 1σ) (Sahlén et al., 2009). Pacaud et al. (2007) demonstrated that the inclusion of selection effects is essential for the correct determination of the evolution of the $L - T$ relation (See Figure 6.18). Pacaud et al. (2007) have shown that having an understanding of the selection function can significantly alter the measured evolution in the $L - T$ relation, though they were not able to show if this is actually an improvement. As a precursor to the analysis of the real XCS $L - T$ relation, we have used the selection functions from Chapter 5 to correct the “XCS - CLEF” $L - T$ relation. The CLEF cluster sample can be treated as a complete, if not realistic, population. The sample can be run through the detection software in the same way as Section 6.3.1, producing a sub-sample of detected clusters. The scaling relations of the whole population can be compared that of the detected clusters. As expected XAPA preferentially detects clusters above the mean relation (See the red line in Figure 6.19). Using our standard selection function from Chapter 5 we have corrected the measured relation by weighting the data depending on how efficiently we expect to detect clusters with the same L, T, z combination (Yellow line), clusters detected less frequently are given a higher weighting than those detected more often.

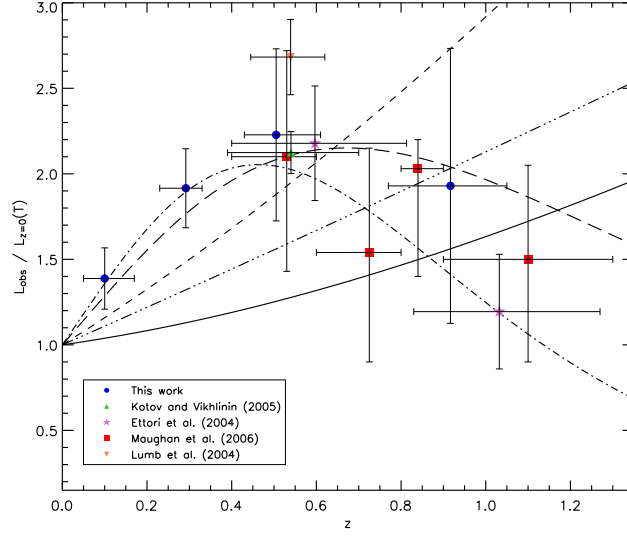
6.4 Future Work

In Figure 6.19 the L, T, z data for the detected clusters are drawn straight from the simulation data. We do not take into account measurement errors, as a result of the limited size of the CLEF simulation. As a minimum, it would be desirable to make a count cut on the detected cluster sample, and then scatter the temperature values based on a real temperature error distribution. However the majority of CLEF clusters are in the $2 - 3\text{keV}$ range, and so are not very luminous; a 300 or 500 count cut leaves so few clusters that this exercise becomes meaningless. So, instead, we plan to undertake this task with artificial catalogues of β profile clusters, it will be interesting to see if it is possible to distinguish between different types of $L - T$ evolution using this method, and how many clusters we need at high redshifts in order to achieve this goal.

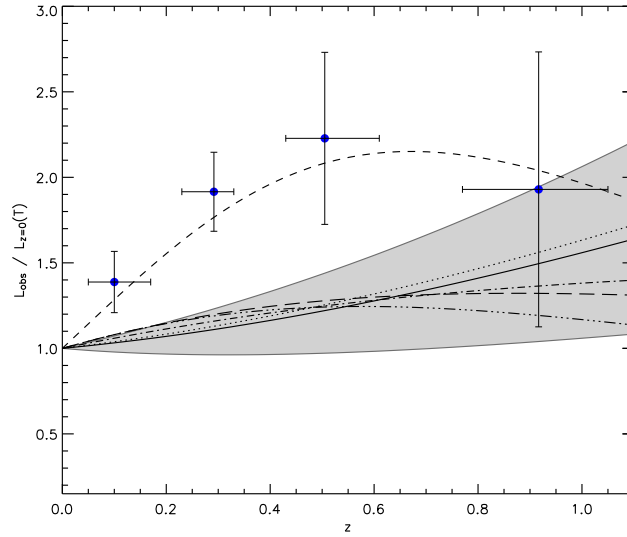
In future we will repeat our selection function analysis using the Millenium Gas simulation, since this is larger, and contains more high-redshift and high-temperature clusters.

6.5 Summary

We have shown in this chapter that the selection function of the CLEF sample does not differ substantially from that of the β profile clusters used in Sahlén et al. (2009). We have then focussed on specific cluster properties (i.e f_T, f_L, S_X), to test the selection function in a way we were not able to do in Chapter 5. This has shown that XAPA has no inherent biases with regard to cool-core clusters, though the often associated centrally peaked surface brightness profiles do affect RECOVERY. These centrally peaked surface brightness



(a)



(b)

Figure 6.18: Figure 7 and caption from Pacaud et al. (2007). “Evolution of the LX-T relation. (a): **Raw analysis.** The data points from several studies are plotted (stacked into redshift bins for clarity). Whenever possible, we converted luminosity estimates from the other samples to L_{500} using the information provided by the authors.” “Overlaid are several enhancement factor fits from our baseline analysis: the $(1+z)$ power law and ad-hoc 2 parameter fits to our data alone (resp. short and long dashed lines), and the $(1+z)$ power law and ad-hoc 2 parameter fits (resp. dot-dashed and 3dot-dashed lines) fitted to the C1 clusters combined with the samples of Kotov & Vikhlinin (2005) and Ettori et al. (2004). For comparison, the self-similar prediction is indicated by the solid line. (b): **Taking into account selection effects.** The filled circles and short dashed line recalls the location of our raw data points, and best fit model from the preliminary analysis. The corrected enhancement factor fit for the 2 parameter model is shown as the long dashed line. The final 1 parameter fit and its 1σ confidence interval is displayed by the solid line and the shaded region. Expectations from several intra-cluster gas models are plotted for comparison: the self-similar predictions (dotted line) and two models by Voit (2005) including non gravitational physics (dot-dashed and 3dot-dashed lines).”

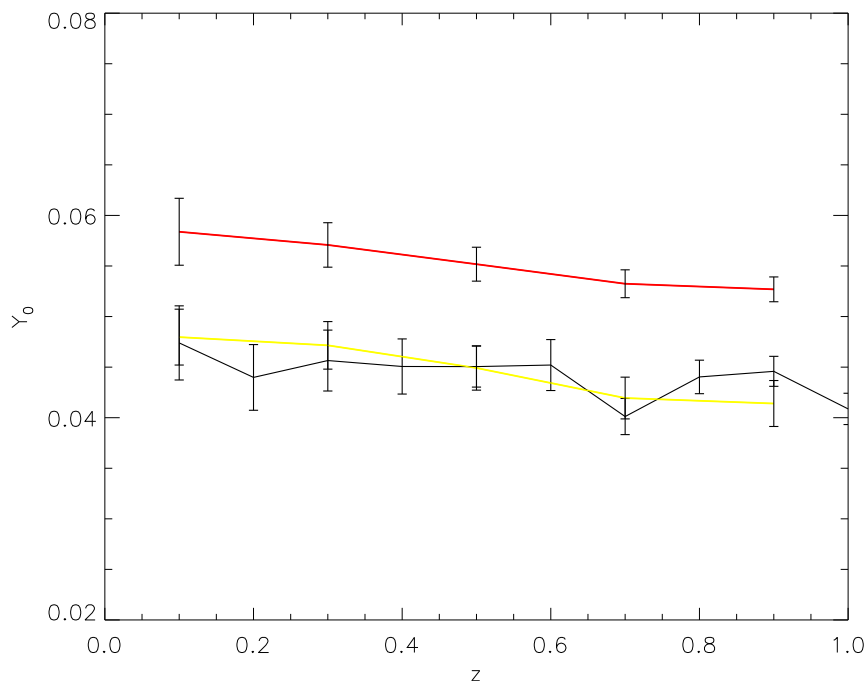


Figure 6.19: The redshift evolution of the $L - T$ normalisation, Y_0 . Shown in black is the data from the underlying CLEF population, the red line is the detected sub-sample, the yellow line is the detected sub-sample after correction for the selection function.

profiles are easily detected, but XAPA often associates the profile with heavy point source contamination, and so these objects are flagged and removed from the candidate list. This is likely another symptom of the inadequate PSF model; with a better model this bias may be substantially reduced. The results of the substructure investigation may indicate that morphologically disturbed clusters are more effectively RECOVERED, but the trend of S_X with f_L make this difficult to substantiate, and it is possible that this is the same f_L bias, diluted by the scatter in the S_X , f_L relation. Finally we see that a 500 count cut leaves the CLEF-selection function and the β -selection function with overlapping 1σ uncertainties, and so the XCS500 should not be significantly biased with respect to the considered parameters.

The selection function presented in Chapter 5 and in this chapter, with its dependencies on morphology, will allow the XCS to produce a statistical description of the cluster population. This will be a valuable tool for studies of cluster physics and structure formation, for example Santos et al. (2008) use the ratio of cool-core to non-cool-core clusters as a function of redshift to study cluster evolution (with possible links to merger rates). The use of cluster profiles drawn from N-body simulations has enabled this work to assess XCS's completeness with respect to cool-cores and dynamical state. As far as the author is aware this direct use of simulated clusters has not been done before, and highlights the ever increasing complementarity of observational surveys and theoretical studies.

We have also carried out preliminary work to investigate the practicalities of using XCS selection functions to correct XCS $L - T$ relations.

Chapter 7

Conclusions

In this thesis we have presented the XCS DR3, a major update of the source data produced by the XCS collaboration. The resultant cluster candidate list, after follow-up and confirmation, is expected to produce the largest homogenous sample of clusters ever compiled. XCS will grow with the XMM archive, thus we do not expect the XCS sample to be superceeded, in terms of size, with the current generation of satellites. A cluster catalogue is only of limited use for cosmology without a selection function; this is also presented in detail. The following discussion is a compilation of the summary sections at the end of Chapters 3, 4, 5 and 6, and contains no new work.

7.1 XCS and XCS DR1 & DR2

The DR1+DR2 StatSam will produce the first XCS catalogue of clusters (E. Lloyd-Davies, (in prep)). The DR2 clusters which comprise $\sim 25\%$ of this catalogue are a result of the work done by the author.

Using images, exposure maps and ECF's produced by K. Sabirli, and the XAPA pipeline designed by M. Davidson, we have been able to produce a source list of 81528 entries, and a StatSam cluster candidate list of 1874. Of these 1874, 250 already have redshifts. The author had responsibility for the DR2 extension of XCS, representing a 25% increase in the number of sources, cluster candidates, and confirmed clusters. The confirmed clusters from the XCS300 sample have now been subjected to X-ray spectroscopy and morphological analysis by E. Lloyd-Davies, see Appendix I.

7.2 The XCS DR3

The total, non-overlapping area of DR3 is 522.29 deg^2 , and the available StatSam area amounts to 229.73 deg^2 . DR3 has extended the total area covered by XCS (from the DR1+DR2 area) by $\sim 70\%$, and increased the number of StatSam cluster candidates by a factor of 2. Using a $1'$ radius to search the literature: there are 1365 StatSam cluster candidates with > 300 counts, 159 of which are already listed in NED as being known clusters/groups. This corresponds to ~ 6 serendipitous > 300 count candidates per deg^2 . This is greater than the source density in DR1+DR2 due to the improvements made in the source list creation (see Section 4.1). For comparison the 400d survey find ~ 0.75 candidates per deg^2 with fluxes $> 1.4 \times 10^{-13} \text{ ergs s}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-2}$. The XMM-LSS find 5.4 ‘C1’ clusters per deg^2 and estimate ~ 12 ‘C2’ per deg^2 (the C2 clusters have not yet been published).

We can potentially measure temperatures for these all DR3 XCS300 candidates, once redshifts are known. 709 redshifts have already been obtained from NXS and SDSS and other literature data. The temperature fitting is currently underway (E. Lloyd-Davies); at present there are 227 DR3 clusters with both temperature and redshift measurements (See Table H.3 in Appendix H), although most of these have come from DR1+DR2. This is already a significant improvement over the samples in the literature, see Table 7.1. A preliminary XCS $L - T$ relation is shown in Figure 7.1.

Survey	Data	Clusters	z range
HIFLUGS	Rosat	63	0.005 - 0.2
Maughan et al.	Chandra	115	0.1 - 0.3
O’Hara et al.	Chandra	70	0.18 - 1.24
400SD	Chandra	36	0.35 - 0.9
XMM-LSS	XMM	29	0.05 - 1.05
XCS300	XMM	227	0.003 - 1.457

Table 7.1: Literature cluster samples with measured temperature and redshifts. Also added is the current size of the XCS300 sample with temperatures and redshifts.

In addition to the large cluster sample that will come from DR3, Campbell et al. (in prep) have used the DR3 point source catalogue to find 11 high quality isolated neutron star candidates. These candidates are mostly new to DR3.

With the construction of DR3 the XCS expects to have a sample of ~ 1000 clusters with redshifts, and the potential to measure temperatures for the majority of these. This will be significantly larger than any other homogenous sample of clusters.

The current distribution of the DR3 cluster redshifts is displayed in Figure 7.2.

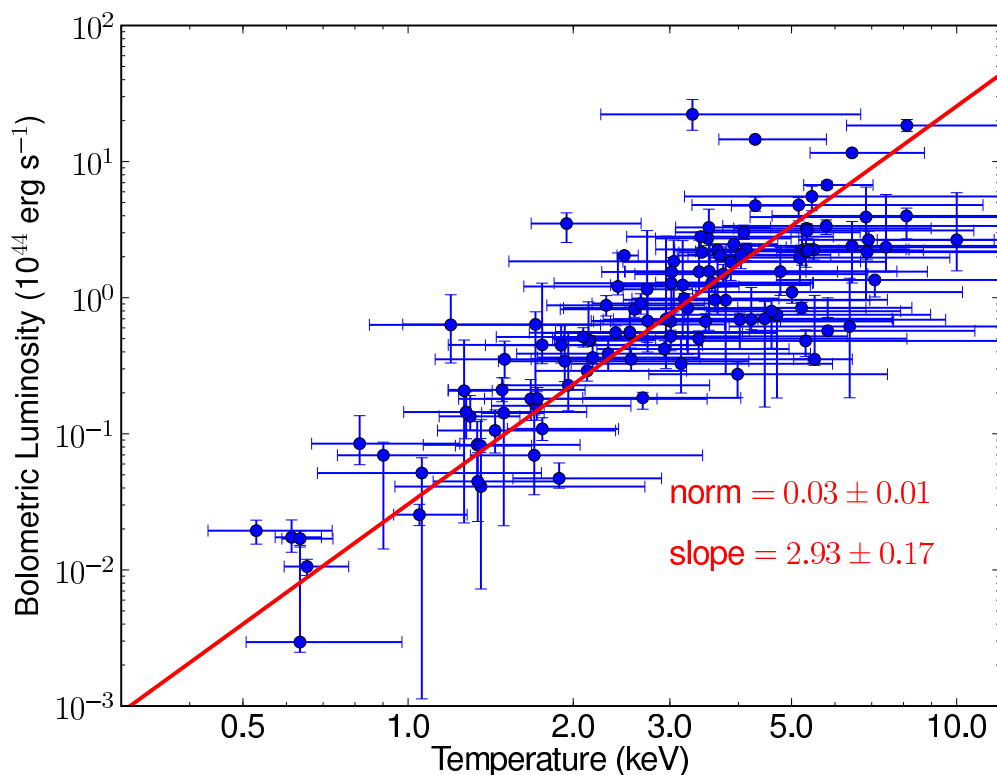


Figure 7.1: A preliminary XCS $L - T$ relation. Figure courtesy of E. Lloyd-Davies.

7.3 XCS Selection Function with Two-Dimensional β profiles.

The work presented in this chapter has demonstrated the way in which many variables can influence cluster detection.

The dependance of the selection function on cosmology enables cluster surveys to constrain cosmological parameters. The results presented and discussed in Section 5.3 enable the XCS to do just that, and were crucial for the production of Sahlén et al. (2009). The selection function used in Sahlén et al. (2009) assumed a fixed cluster profile, the impact of this assumption has been tested in Section 5.4. We see that r_c in particular can strongly influence the detection of clusters, however the more counts a source has, the more this effect is reduced, and the impact on the XCS500 sample is small.

As discussed above, it is widely recognised that an understanding of a surveys selection function must be had before any strong conclusions can be drawn, either for cosmology or scaling relation studies. The simulations presented so far in this chapter further highlight this, in particular it is clear that the morphology of the population must be better understood before any naive selection function is applied.

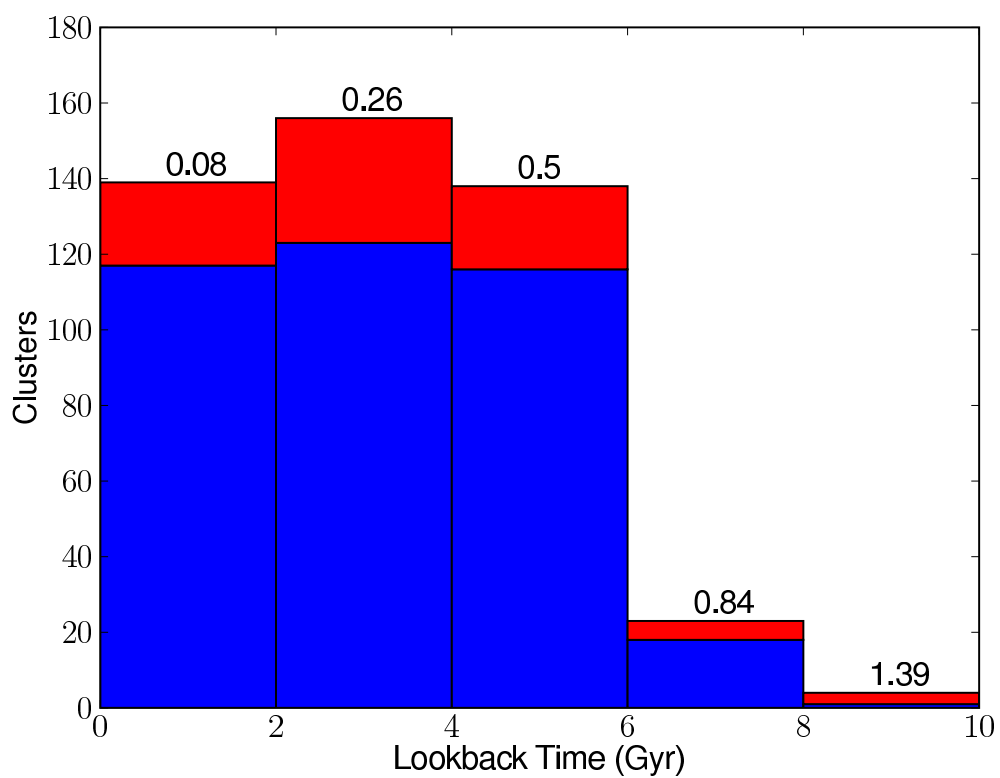


Figure 7.2: A histogram of the lookback time of DR3 clusters with measured redshifts. The red histogram is for spectroscopic redshifts, the blue histogram is for photometric redshifts. The numbers above the bins are the centre of the bin in redshift space. Figure courtesy of E. Lloyd-Davies.

In Section 5.6 we investigated the impact of exposure time on cluster detection. It was shown that in terms of cluster numbers, a shallower wide field survey would be preferable, and exposures greater than 30ks would not give substantial increases. However a 10deg^2 , 50 ks survey would yield significantly greater numbers of low T (and hence low mass) systems at high redshift.

7.4 XCS Selection Function with Two-Dimensional Cluster Profiles from Hydrodynamic Simulations.

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Appendix A

Lumdist: The IDL routine used to calculate d_L

This is the code source for Lumdist. Written by W. Landsman , this code is used, unchanged, to calculate cosmological distances for use in the Selection function.

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;+
; NAME:
; LUMDIST
;
; PURPOSE:
; Calculate luminosity distance (in Mpc) of an object given its redshift
; EXPLANATION:
; The luminosity distance in the Friedmann-Robertson-Walker model is
; taken from Carroll, Press, and Turner (1992, ARAA, 30, 499), p. 511
; Uses a closed form (Mattig equation) to compute the distance when the
; cosmological constant is zero. Otherwise integrates the function using
; QSIMP.
; CALLING SEQUENCE:
; result = lumdist(z, [H0 =, k =, Omega_M =, Lambda0 =, q0 =, /SILENT])
;
; INPUTS:
; z = redshift, positive scalar or vector
;
; OPTIONAL KEYWORD INPUTS:
; /SILENT - If set, the program will not display adopted cosmological
; parameters at the terminal.
; H0: Hubble parameter in km/s/Mpc, default is 70
;
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; No more than two of the following four parameters should be
; specified. None of them need be specified – the adopted defaults
; are given.
; k - curvature constant, normalized to the closure density. Default is
; 0, indicating a flat universe
; Omegam - Matter density, normalized to the closure density, default
; is 0.3. Must be non-negative
; Lambda0 - Cosmological constant, normalized to the closure density,
; default is 0.7
; q0 - Deceleration parameter, numeric scalar =  $-R * (R'') / (R')^2$ , default
; is -0.5
;
; OUTPUTS:
; The result of the function is the luminosity distance (in Mpc) for each
; input value of z.
;
; EXAMPLE:
; (1) Plot the distance of a galaxy in Mpc as a function of redshift out
; to z = 5.0, assuming the default cosmology (Omegam = 0.3, Lambda = 0.7,
; H0 = 70 km/s/Mpc)
;
; IDL> z = findgen(50)/10.
; IDL> plot,z,lumdist(z),xtit='z',ytit='Distance (Mpc)'
; ; Now overplot the relation for zero cosmological constant and
; Omegam = 0.3
; IDL> oplot,z,lumdist(z,lamba=0,omega=0.3),linestyle=1
; COMMENTS:
; (1) Integrates using the IDL Astronomy Version procedure QSIMP. (The
; intrinsic IDL QSIMP function is not called because of its ridiculous
; restriction that only scalar arguments can be passed to the integrating
; function.)
; (2) Can fail to converge at high redshift for closed universes with
; non-zero lambda. This can presumably be fixed by replacing QSIMP with
; an integrator that can handle a singularity
; PROCEDURES CALLED:
; COSMO_PARAM, QSIMP
; REVISION HISTORY:
; Written W. Landsman Raytheon ITSS April 2000
; Avoid integer overflow for more than 32767 redshifts July 2001
;-
function ldist, z, q0 = q0, lambda0 = lambda0
term1 = (1. + z)2
term2 = 1.+2.*(q0+lambda0)*z

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term3 = z*(2.+z)*lambda0
denom = (term1*term2 - term3)
out = z*0.
good = where(denom GT 0.0, Ngood)
if Ngood GT 0 then out[good] = 1./sqrt(denom[good])
return, out
end

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FUNCTION lumdist, z, h0=h0, k = k, Lambda0 = lambda0, Omega_m = Omega_m, $
q0 = q0, Silent = silent

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if N_params() eq 0 then begin
print, 'Syntax: result = lumdist(z, H0 = ,k=, Lambda0 = )'
print, 'Returns luminosity distance in Mpc'
return, 0.
endif

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n = N_elements(z)
cosmo_param, Omega_m, Lambda0, k, q0

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; Check keywords

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c = 2.9979e5 ;; speed of light in km/s
if N_elements(H0) EQ 0 then H0 = 70
if not keyword_set(silent) then $
print, 'LUMDIST : H0 :', h0, 'Omega_m :', omega_m, 'Lambda0', lambda0, $
' q0: ', q0, ' k: ', k, f=(A,I3,A,f5.2,A,f5.2,A,f5.2,A,F5.2)'

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; For the case of Lambda = 0, we use the closed form from equation 5.238 of
; Astrophysical Formulae (Lang 1998). This avoids terms that almost cancel
; at small q0*z better than the more familiar Mattig formula.
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if lambda0 EQ 0 then begin
denom = sqrt(1+2*q0*z) + 1 + q0*z
dlum = (c*z/h0)*(1 + z*(1-q0)/denom)
return, dlum

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; For non-zero lambda
endif else begin
dlum = z*0.0

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for i=0L,N-1 do begin
if z[i] LE 0.0 then dlum[i] = 0.0 else begin
qsimp,'LDIST',0,z[i], lz,q0 = q0, Lambda0 = lambda0
dlum[i] = lz
endelse
endfor

if k GT 0 then $
dlum = sinh(sqrt(k)*dlum)/sqrt(k) $
else if k LT 0 then $
dlum = sin(sqrt(-k)*dlum)/sqrt(-k) ; 0
return, c*(1+z)*dlum/h0
endelse

end

```

Appendix B

XAPA flow charts

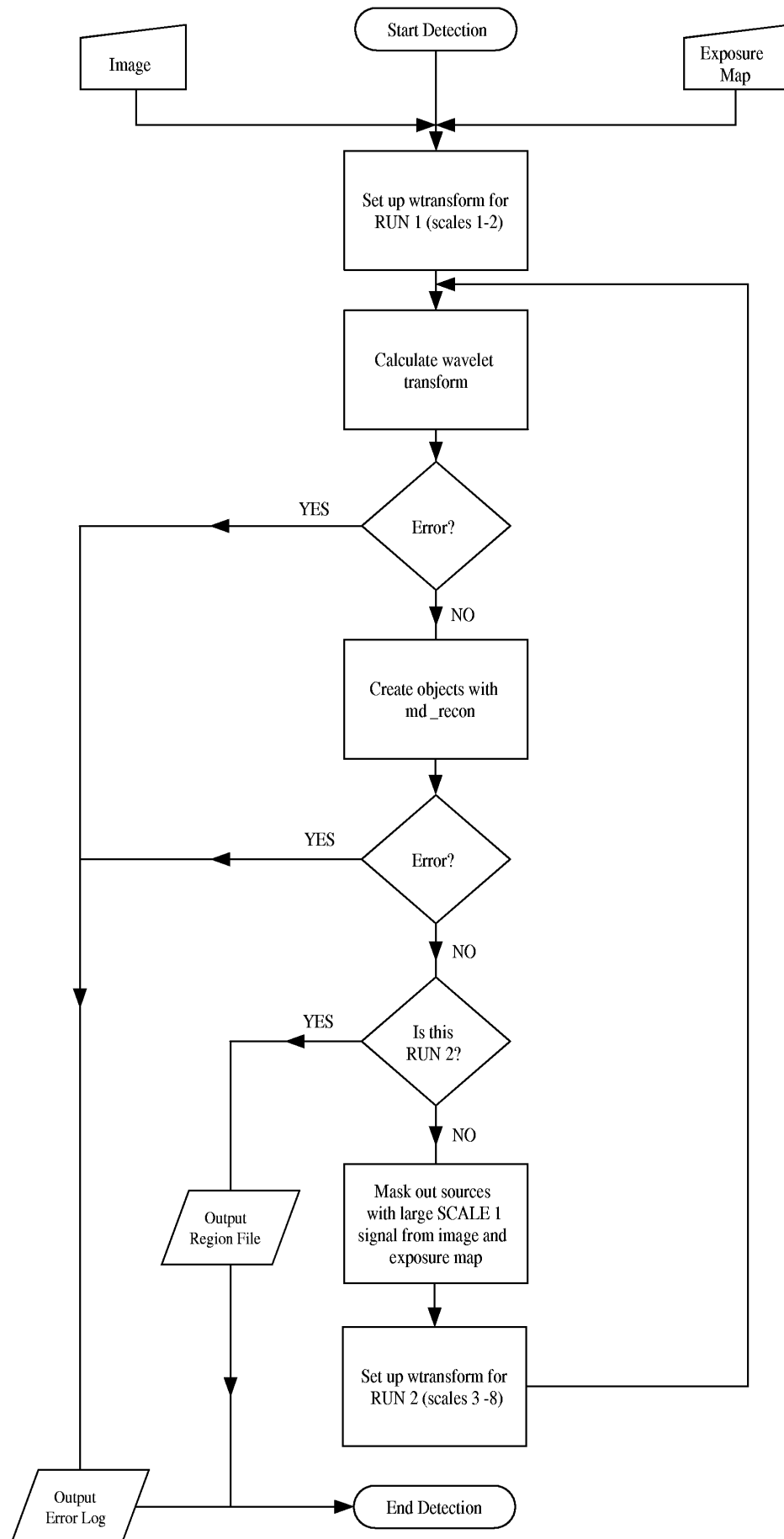


Figure B.1: Detection Flow chart. Image credit: Davidson (2005)

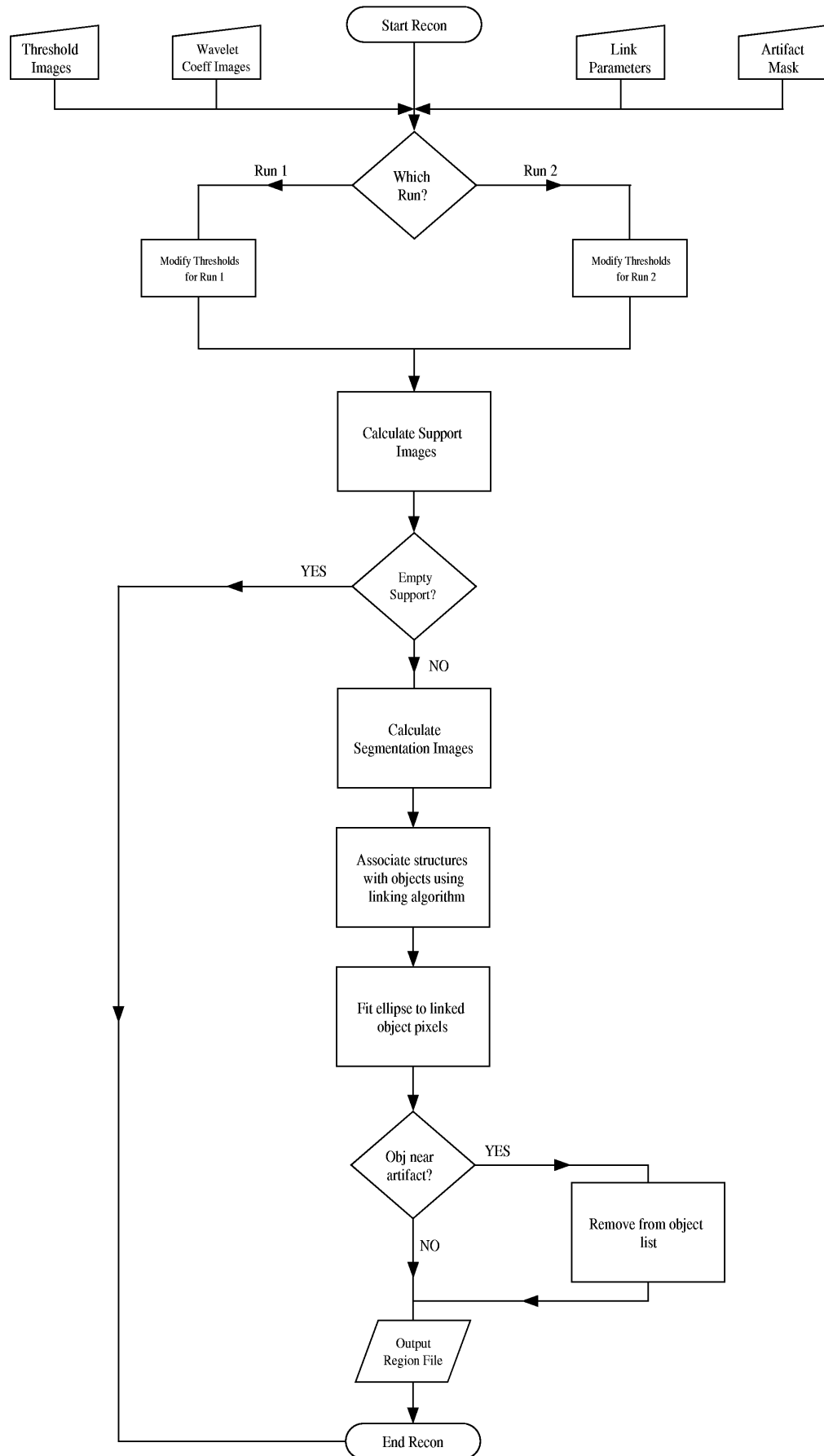


Figure B.2: Reconstruction Flow chart. Image credit: Davidson (2005)

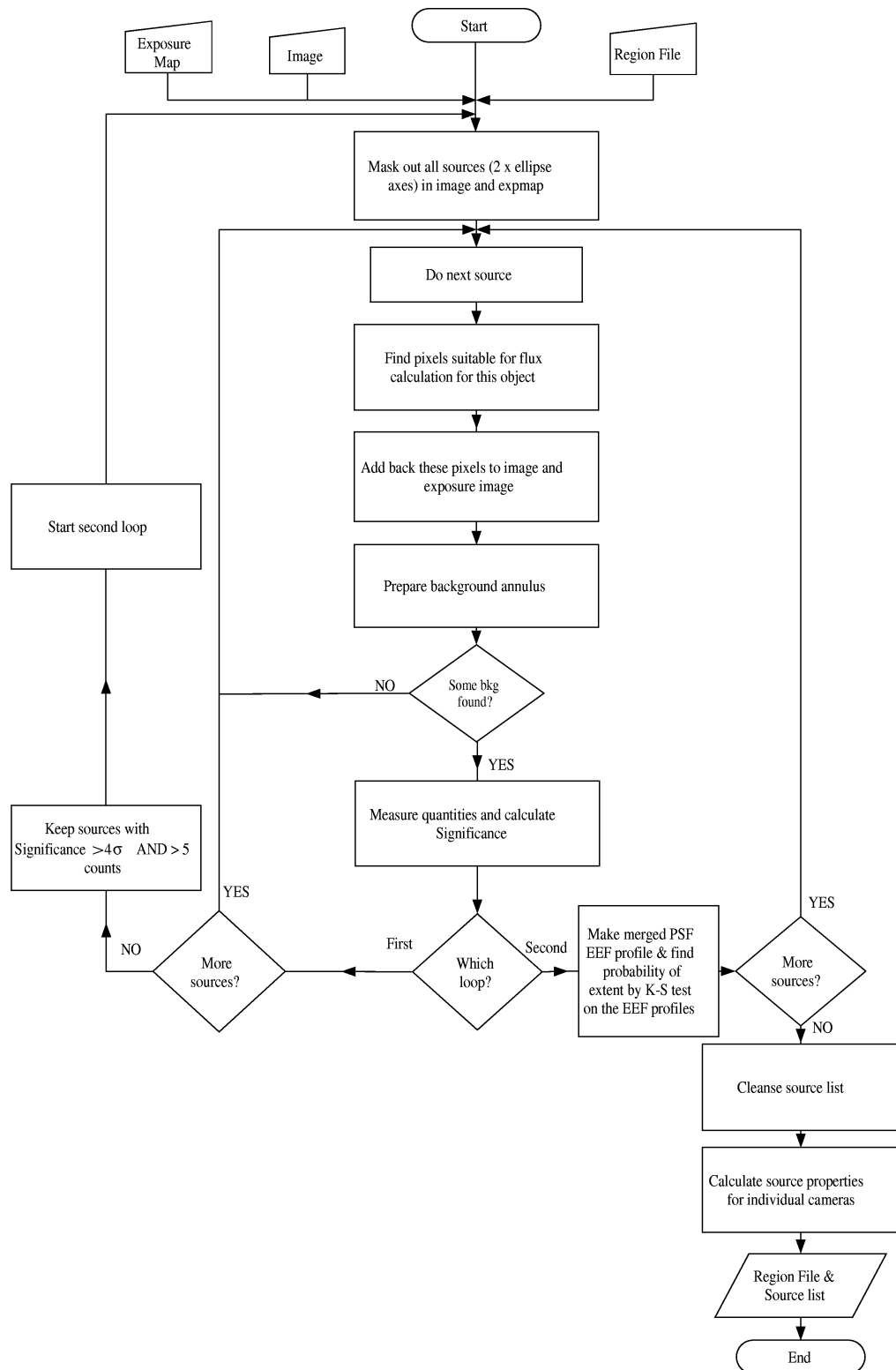


Figure B.3: Find Source Properties Flow chart. Image credit: Davidson (2005)

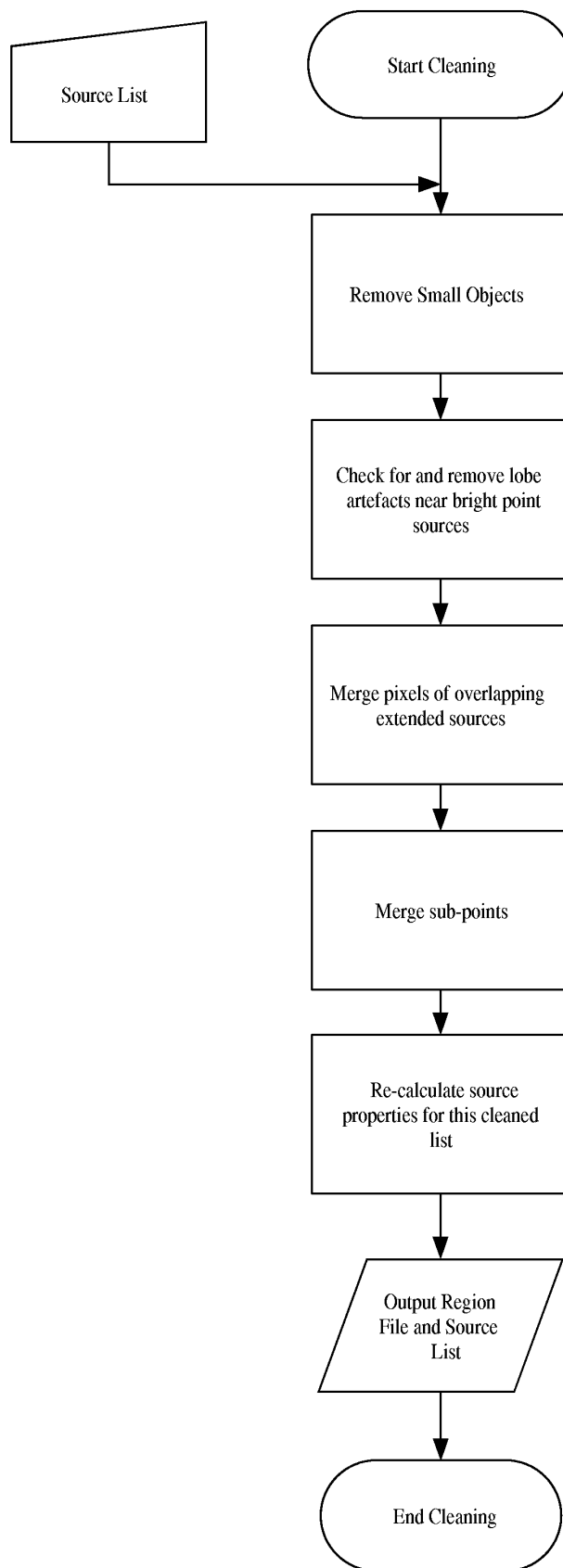


Figure B.4: Source List Cleaning Flow chart. Image credit: Davidson (2005)

Appendix C

The NXS

The following text has been edited from that provided by N. Merhtens, who undertook the data reduction and redshift fitting described in this Appendix.

Thirty-eight nights of wide-field mosaic CCD imaging were awarded at the NOAO 4m telescopes at KPNO, Arizona; and CTIO, Chile between November 2005 and April 2008 in 6 observing campaigns. An additional 10 nights were subsequently awarded and carried out in April 2009. Each mosaic field is $36'$ by $36'$ wide and thus encompasses an entire XCS ObsID usually containing multiple cluster candidates. This method therefore enables a relatively cheap and efficient method of cluster detection. During each observing campaign, Sloan r' - and z' - band imaging were taken in a sequence of exposures totaling 1200s and 1500s respectively. Using these exposure times the NXS survey reached a typical r' -band depth of 25.00 and z' -band depth of 23.79, allowing the detection of galaxy clusters out to a redshift of $z=1$.

Upon completion of the NXS survey, 174 XCS fields had been observed with full exposure times (160 from XCS DR1, 14 from XCS DR2), containing 473 cluster candidates (435 from XCS DR1, 38 from XCS DR2). Unfortunately $\sim 50\%$ of the awarded 48 nights were lost to bad weather and instrumentation failure.

Data reduction was largely carried out following version 7.02 of Buell Jannuzi's reduction notes ¹ using the IRAF MSCRED Valdes (1998) package which treats a mosaic field as a single CCD. Photometric calibration was conducted using a combination of SDSS photometric standard stars Smith et al. (2002), fields with SDSS coverage, and NXS fields used as standard frames achieving a zeropoint accuracy of $\sim 2\%$. Galaxy catalogs were extracted from each NXS image using Source Extractor Bertin and Arnouts (1996) and magnitudes corrected for atmospheric extinction and galactic extinction using the Schlegel et al dust maps Schlegel et al. (1998).

¹<http://www.noao.edu/noao/noaodeep/ReductionOpt/frames.html>

The NXS survey uses a redshift algorithm which seeks out overdensities of galaxies with similar colours above that of the background field distribution (similar to the MAXBCG cluster finder Koester et al. (2007)). The NXS redshift algorithm derives photometric redshifts for the cluster candidates within each NXS image by comparing an observed cluster red sequence to an empirical red sequence model. The theoretical model is created from a fiducial low red-sequence colour magnitude relation at $z=0.1$ that has been evolved with redshift using a galaxy population synthesis code. Potential cluster galaxies are extracted from within twice the X-ray extent of each cluster candidate and a background field is derived from the remainder of the NXS image. An unbinned likelihood function is then used to identify overdensities in colour space of these potential cluster galaxies above that of the background field distribution. The colour of the overdensity peak corresponds to a redshift estimate for the cluster. The algorithm assumes a simple Gaussian distribution in colour as its cluster model (similar to MAXBCG) and a histogram in colour of the field galaxies within each NXS image as its background model. This model is then maximized to produce simultaneous redshift and richness estimates. Finally, a Kolmogorov-Smirnov test (KS-test) is used to assess the significance of the cluster detection and a high- z flag assigned by counting the number galaxies solely detected in the z' -band.

Appendix D

XCS DR3 StatSam Tables

XCS Name	Obsid	RA	Dec	Counts	Flux	Literature Name	Match Distance	Literature Redshift	Sig
XMMXCS J033911.9 - 352621.8	0012830101	54.799616	-35.439397	2063.4316	1.5341144e-13	CXOU J033912.0-352609	12.8853	-	123.95
XMMXCS J105341.9 + 573521.9	0022740301	163.42487	57.589439	571.04563	4.7314597e-14	RX J1053.7+5735	17.8693	1.140000	222.00
XMMXCS J012435.2 + 040051.7	0025541601	21.147054	4.0143851	90.921156	3.4976529e-14	XDSC mf J012435.6+040107	4.01732	0.422000	43.07
XMMXCS J230251.8 + 084135.3	0032140201	345.71622	8.6931421	88.770209	2.6913258e-14	CXOMP J230252.0+084137	2.34371	0.041500	74.68
XMMXCS J230227.1 + 083906.4	0032140201	345.61297	8.6517960	49.229621	7.7738997e-15	CXOMP J230227.7+083859	10.0271	0.425600	14.63
XMMXCS J022457.8 - 034851.1	0037980301	36.241172	-3.8142060	585.82884	8.1788013e-14	XLSSC 001	11.8229	0.612800	466.41
XMMXCS J022643.7 - 034107.7	0037980401	36.682290	-3.6854855	186.41260	4.1341701e-14	XLSSC 009	15.3508	0.327000	28.75
XMMXCS J022400.2 - 032517.8	0037980801	36.001190	-3.4216135	50.508664	1.9648002e-14	XLSSC 032	8.79816	0.810000	34.16
XMMXCS J022721.8 - 032151.0	0037981001	36.841036	-3.3641888	495.92062	8.5185648e-14	XLSSC 010	12.1339	0.329000	255.96
XMMXCS J022738.4 - 031801.1	0037981501	36.910238	-3.3003186	212.31872	5.2785782e-14	XLSSC 003	5.64544	0.837800	99.76
XMMXCS J022145.4 - 034618.0	0037982501	35.439232	-3.7716749	1667.9955	3.4508902e-13	SL J0221.7-0345	11.5537	0.429000	-
XMMXCS J030317.3 + 001235.6	0041170101	45.822455	0.20991029	152.04488	1.1630191e-14	BLOX J0303.3+0012.8	17.0677	-	51.17
XMMXCS J030211.2 - 000132.6	0041170101	45.546819	-0.025739038	213.52219	1.0640209e-14	BLOX J0302.2-0001.5	11.4765	-	136.34
XMMXCS J030205.5 - 000001.8	0041170101	45.523223	-0.00051526286	393.51373	2.3111142e-14	BLOX J0302.0-0000.0	3.17265	-	235.23
XMMXCS J163340.9 + 571422.0	0049540301	248.42046	57.239450	136.18277	1.1602591e-14	RIXOS F223 572	12.7068	0.239000	32.60
XMMXCS J033831.2 - 352653.2	0055140101	54.630354	-35.448113	42221.219	3.6646123e-12	NGC 1399 GROUP	23.3727	0.004600	-
XMMXCS J031833.0 - 030258.7	0056022201	49.637507	-3.0496424	5514.9682	3.7252625e-13	400d J0318-0302	12.7990	0.370000	-
XMMXCS J133129.5 + 110755.9	0061940101	202.87332	11.132208	141.93434	6.7383514e-14	RX J1331.5+1108	1.45478	.081	95.07
XMMXCS J052215.3 - 362514.2	0065670201	80.563976	-36.420612	1703.4121	1.3847965e-13	400d J0522-3624	17.2415	0.472000	-
XMMXCS J023759.7 - 522403.9	0067190101	39.498768	-52.401092	2338.2078	4.3529081e-13	ABELL 3038	18.1076	0.135000	-
XMMXCS J095341.4 + 014157.7	0070940401	148.42286	1.6993759	6028.2509	6.5754715e-13	SDSS-C4-DR3 1212	4.89132	0.098000	-
XMMXCS J135047.9 + 600702.8	0071340501	207.69961	60.117458	785.61486	1.0867162e-13	RDSC J1350+6007	6.15660	0.804000	144.56
XMMXCS J121334.8 + 025349.4	0081340801	183.39536	2.8970609	2071.8156	1.5801999e-13	BLOX J1213.5+0253.7	4.94957	0.409000	-
XMMXCS J111834.4 + 074430.6	0082340101	169.64362	7.7418598	206.91977	5.5889600e-15	BLOX J1118.5+0744.5	5.95584	-	69.53
XMMXCS J111726.1 + 074327.5	0082340101	169.35893	7.7243106	1247.5803	8.5386703e-14	XDSC mf J111726.2+074316	7.51158	0.232000	547.21
XMMXCS J125313.8 + 155544.6	0082990101	193.30753	15.929061	1027.5642	1.2561390e-13	NSCS J125309+155549	14.2621	0.275000	395.86
XMMXCS J135452.3 + 691727.2	0083960101	208.71793	69.290890	451.72417	3.7392553e-14	RX J1354.8+6917	18.4760	0.207000	63.31
XMMXCS J084834.9 + 445339.7	0085150101	132.14568	44.894380	96.561593	4.0247268e-15	Lynx W	9.38778	1.270000	23.05
XMMXCS J084848.2 + 445606.1	0085150101	132.20084	44.935042	921.03782	4.4473035e-14	RX J0848.7+4456	15.2344	0.574000	338.80
XMMXCS J052111.0 - 253106.2	0085640101	80.295973	-25.518411	174.12312	4.3218595e-14	400d J0521-2530	22.7458	0.581000	73.09
XMMXCS J093709.6 + 611611.9	0085640201	144.29016	61.269984	464.32714	3.6124770e-14	MaxBCG J144.28663+61.27052	6.38664	0.229550	75.26
XMMXCS J141832.1 + 251112.8	0089960301	214.63394	25.186895	5467.8892	1.0868799e-11	WARP J1418.5+2511	26.8740	0.296000	-
XMMXCS J115811.6 + 552126.0	0090020101	179.54852	55.357236	63.744409	1.3228002e-14	RX J1158.1+5521	18.9599	0.135000	21.87
XMMXCS J004231.6 + 005118.8	0090070201	10.632023	0.85523324	238.44844	4.3860238e-14	MaxBCG J010.63093+00.85021	18.5064	0.153950	61.43
XMMXCS J004333.8 + 010108.9	0090070201	10.891174	1.0191638	573.97963	9.5037796e-14	SDSS CE J010.888028+01.015296	18.2383	0.185942	204.08
XMMXCS J235117.1 + 201351.1	0093190301	357.82155	20.230863	168.29494	9.7921500e-15	USGC U857	11.0332	0.014413	86.62
XMMXCS J101933.0 + 080353.4	0093640301	154.88759	8.0648583	1086.6229	1.4367639e-13	MaxBCG J154.88074+08.06467	24.4322	0.178250	160.22
XMMXCS J014908.5 + 135740.4	0094383401	27.285609	13.961241	64.311101	9.1844736e-14	SDSS-C4 2000	7.48944	0.069900	29.71
XMMXCS J023605.2 - 522508.0	0098810101	39.021978	-52.418893	708.28873	4.2614564e-14	WARP J0236.0-5224	5.05512	-	505.00
XMMXCS J111729.8 + 174450.9	0099030101	169.37440	17.747478	470.38089	8.6510012e-14	400d J1117+1744	8.44266	0.548000	195.46
XMMXCS J111654.6 + 180352.9	0099030101	169.22786	18.064474	172.37392	2.1542795e-14	NGC 3607 GROUP	24.6281	0.002990	46.11
XMMXCS J222759.3 - 052859.9	0100440101	336.99751	-5.4833139	219.85798	2.5398469e-14	BLOX J2227.9-0528.9	6.62340	-	51.68
XMMXCS J222833.5 - 052827.8	0100440101	337.13989	-5.4744131	310.41458	2.4811876e-14	BLOX J2228.5-0528.3	7.12950	-	52.60
XMMXCS J222818.8 - 050753.4	0100440101	337.07849	-5.1315176	248.04311	1.9479327e-14	BLOX J2228.3-0507.8	6.09480	-	39.17
XMMXCS J004615.6 + 853117.1	0100640201	11.565363	85.521435	1643.5328	7.2216682e-14	CI J0046.3+8530	8.06370	0.615000	-
XMMXCS J003604.9 + 851324.8	0100640201	9.0204654	85.223563	728.92203	6.1558449e-14	RDSC J0035+8513	13.0615	0.810000	199.25
XMMXCS J004753.0 + 852717.1	0100640201	11.971199	85.454773	717.66655	2.6583772e-14	XMMU J004751.7+852722	5.08785	0.250000	217.36
XMMXCS J020019.3 + 001932.3	0101640201	30.080471	0.32564536	175.70533	4.2175398e-14	SEXCLAS 03	3.61589	0.510000	64.14
XMMXCS J103059.9 + 305138.8	0102040301	157.74995	30.860793	895.45945	9.7710450e-14	MaxBCG J157.75753+30.86197	23.7731	0.143150	257.98
XMMXCS J221556.7 - 175140.8	0106660101	333.98652	-17.861337	93.043787	8.202192e-15	BLOX J2215.9-1751.6	2.97920	-	25.65
XMMXCS J221559.5 - 173814.6	0106660101	333.99798	-17.637397	362.43867	1.4841887e-14	BLOX J2215.9-1738.1	18.9971	1.450000	104.40
XMMXCS J221557.3 - 174034.7	0106660601	333.98878	-17.676305	219.26844	5.5262949e-15	BLOX J2215.9-1740.4	7.04118	-	57.57
XMMXCS J221621.1 - 173222.0	0106660601	334.08807	-17.539461	23.806567	1.5337418e-17	CPHTLS CL J221620-173224	16.5481	0.700000	15.46
XMMXCS J131302.5 + 351946.5	0109080201	198.26069	35.329606	322.85863	8.8220271e-14	MaxBCG J198.26268+35.32836	7.36194	0.288950	196.18
XMMXCS J015415.1 - 593756.6	0109460201	28.563226	-59.632397	178.16024	7.7149755e-14	400d J0154-5937	9.08082	0.360000	76.64
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XMMXCS J022610.3 - 045804.9	0109520301	36.543201	-4.9680355	475.74949	4.4530185e-14	XLSSC 011	10.0212	0.050000	179.70
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XMMXCS J133407.3 + 380633.0	0109660801	203.53063	38.109174	36.229759	2.5851510e-15	[MJM98] 074	6.61722	0.382000	13.04
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XMMXCS J133531.0 + 374524.4	0109661001	203.87946	37.756778	159.01394	1.0497480e-14	[MJM98] 077	15.4563	0.307000	22.26
XMMXCS J133514.4 + 374908.8	0109661001	203.81006	37.819134	349.44749	1.1532805e-14	[MJM98] 034	14.6573	0.595000	124.04
XMMXCS J141731.9 + 251135.2	0109960101	214.38323	25.193130	225.46935	5.4776528e-14	MaxBCG J214.37758+25.19479	19.3632	0.191750	26.40
XMMXCS J005655.3 - 221407.4	0110890401	14.230831	-22.235413	625.80805	3.2785699e-13	400d J0056-2213	15.5129	0.116000	208.12
XMMXCS J124454.0 - 003331.1	0110980201	191.22541	-0.55865638	1347.8584	4.1330734e-14	SDSS CE J191.220871-00.560489	17.8469	0.231327	367.61

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XMMXCS J125233.8 – 292507.3	0111020101	193.14095	–29.418708	211.42549	2.9394916e–12	CXOU J1252.6–2925	29.2852	-	60.25
XMMXCS J125204.1 – 292038.8	0111020201	193.01716	–29.344113	888.24503	6.3667399e–13	400d J1252–2920	18.2231	0.188000	516.50
XMMXCS J022401.8 – 050528.7	0111110401	36.007904	–5.0913221	341.32988	2.1693370e–14	XLSSC 018	19.7491	0.322000	112.95
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XMMXCS J134139.1 + 001736.6	0111281001	205.41329	0.29351054	263.25338	6.6658567e–14	[BPG2004] J205.417+00.287	2.95708	0.400000	135.59
XMMXCS J005656.5 – 274031.7	0111282001	14.235806	–27.675485	343.04627	9.4965273e–14	J1888.16CL	4.01256	0.560000	204.59
XMMXCS J134446.4 – 003020.4	0111282501	206.19364	–0.50567028	40.895646	1.0037685e–14	[GPB2005] 5	1.81118	-	26.07
XMMXCS J142758.2 + 263019.5	0111290601	216.99275	26.505436	2843.6834	1.5351829e–13	400d J1427+2630	3.53336	0.032400	-
XMMXCS J113804.0 + 031535.5	0111970701	174.51680	3.2598773	265.69856	5.3311423e–14	BLOX J1138.0+0315.3	15.5559	-	120.81
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XMMXCS J230247.7 + 084353.3	0112170301	345.69898	8.7314743	335.88831	7.4504348e–14	WARP J2302.8+0843	9.40578	0.722000	188.46
XMMXCS J123144.3 + 413731.1	0112280201	187.93491	41.625314	564.23047	1.6301376e–13	400d J1231+4137	6.03816	0.176000	237.34
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XMMXCS J123615.7 + 255438.2	0112550301	189.06558	25.910626	268.19411	3.0265640e–14	RX J1236.2+2554	21.7452	-	127.29
XMMXCS J120801.2 + 433927.3	0112551201	182.00510	43.657594	310.49142	1.8338923e–13	MaxBCG J182.00318+43.65537	9.40128	0.264650	344.98
XMMXCS J013352.2 – 401538.2	0112630201	23.467686	–40.260617	104.88210	1.5605955e–14	BLOX J0133.8–4015.8	16.5133	-	22.00
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XMMXCS J022827.3 – 042543.9	0112680401	37.114047	–4.4288680	504.32073	5.2154970e–14	SL J0228.4–0425	4.09916	0.433000	139.62
XMMXCS J022812.5 – 100537.9	0112680401	37.052222	–10.093885	250.12329	1.4819385e–13	WARP J0228.1–1005	10.0366	0.149000	131.68
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XMMXCS J233227.5 + 195822.1	0112880301	353.11483	19.972828	410.14654	6.8399812e–14	SEXCLAS 19	17.5225	0.270000	141.03
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XMMXCS J105245.1 + 574043.9	0123701001	163.18798	57.678865	170.80640	1.8147183e–14	RX J105244.4+574045	14.4735	0.074000	49.46
XMMXCS J122019.2 + 752203.9	0124110101	185.08034	75.367754	17730.285	5.7373422e–13	400d J1220+7522	7.11234	-	-
XMMXCS J104407.5 – 012725.4	0125300101	161.03161	–1.4570575	100.29361	4.5127898e–15	BLOX J1044.1–0127.3	3.41713	-	27.68
XMMXCS J141652.4 + 522052.5	0127921001	214.21841	52.347941	736.31771	1.7943891e–14	HST J141653+52210	13.3378	-	-
XMMXCS J005053.5 – 521312.5	0133120401	12.722953	–52.220141	66.078830	1.2405779e–14	BLOX J0050.9–5213.0	8.75148	-	19.25
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XMMXCS J154932.2 + 213302.2	0136040101	237.38440	21.550619	485.33887	5.8193990e–14	[B2002a] 30	3.86651	0.800000	239.84
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XMMXCS J125047.4 + 263352.9	0143150201	192.69754	26.564714	406.84955	4.8128124e–14	FSVS CL J125048+263418	26.2634	0.300000	103.32
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XMMXCS J094632.6 – 140954.0	0147920301	146.63595	–14.165006	95.370468	2.7404545e–14	RJ J0946.5–1410	5.28185	0.230000	37.60
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XMMXCS J232018.1 + 082220.0	0149240101	350.07580	8.3722487	46.231165	4.0095044e–15	WBL 708	28.1941	0.013640	24.41
XMMXCS J223924.4 – 054718.3	0149410401	339.85182	–5.7884370	2429.1388	2.3481101e–13	WARP J2239.4–0547	14.9064	0.242000	-
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XMMXCS J023345.5 – 085027.2	0150470601	38.439667	–8.8408931	339.75083	7.7964599e–14	MaxBCG J038.43299–08.84562	29.1979	0.256550	36.30
XMMXCS J072052.9 + 710907.3	0150495601	110.22048	71.152055	934.59980	1.3763511e–13	400d J0720+7108	10.9360	0.230900	371.60
XMMXCS J103554.5 – 033155.2	0150870401	158.97745	–3.5320133	299.32627	3.9887178e–14	BLOX J1035.9–0331.9	6.43056	-	80.43
XMMXCS J103636.4 – 033302.3	0150870401	159.15196	–3.5506489	176.07320	1.6190640e–14	BLOX J1036.6–0333.0	5.70782	-	41.56
XMMXCS J104136.8 + 061536.8	0151390101	160.40364	6.2602440	57.161949	3.3724621e–15	[W78] 13	26.5524	.02271	11.51
XMMXCS J011922.9 + 011017.8	0153170101	19.845632	–1.1716231	139.25164	2.9880426e–14	SDSS CE J019.844770–01.170951	4.74575	0.197288	24.85
XMMXCS J154610.8 + 484851.4	0153220401	236.54521	48.814289	115.64894	1.9962146e–14	MaxBCG J236.54322+48.81638	8.89938	0.118850	23.52
XMMXCS J041704.8 + 011325.8	0161160101	64.270103	1.2238562	676.62549	8.0326381e–14	ZwCl 0414.3+0103	21.6631	0.320000	317.94
XMMXCS J142907.8 + 424106.0	0165770201	217.28258	42.685006	1080.1519	7.6507108e–14	Cl J1429.0+4241	16.1324	0.920000	724.87
XMMXCS J014430.2 + 021231.6	0200430701	26.125883	2.2087784	304.64204	7.0403822e–14	WARP J0144.5+0212	12.6635	0.166000	111.98
XMMXCS J081919.6 + 705457.7	0200470101	124.83198	70.916041	1589.3533	1.1276664e–13	RX J0819.3+7054	17.3465	0.226000	372.25

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XMMXCS J123558.5 + 131239.7	0200650101	188.99411	13.211037	266.27563	1.6564751e-14	MaxBCG J188.99457+13.20756	12.6185	0.170150	22.75
XMMXCS J102552.5 + 470842.1	0201040101	156.46909	47.145042	203.46528	2.5807201e-13	RX J1025.8+4709	25.7545	-	43.73
XMMXCS J111926.2 + 210640.2	0201940201	169.85918	21.111169	93.902975	1.0615335e-13	OC04 J1119+2107	15.5548	0.176000	63.34
XMMXCS J111942.8 + 212646.6	0201940201	169.92859	21.446284	41.876330	3.3452781e-14	RIXOS F123 005	12.2865	0.061000	33.07
XMMXCS J100051.4 + 683347.7	0201980101	150.21427	68.563264	179.23767	1.2941637e-14	MaxBCG J150.21758+68.56865	19.8788	0.256550	37.82
XMMXCS J124202.6 + 332203.5	0202180201	190.51104	33.367657	312.41560	1.0617652e-14	MaxBCG J190.51188+33.37343	20.9739	0.137750	95.85
XMMXCS J134305.1 - 000056.6	0202460101	205.77140	-0.015727482	1360.4507	1.2828690e-13	[BPG2004] J134304.8-000056.3	5.00527	0.670000	-
XMMXCS J134800.2 + 075219.1	0202890201	207.00107	7.8719855	83.630668	3.0471893e-14	RX J1347.9+0752	13.1186	0.464900	42.10
XMMXCS J093205.6 + 473311.8	0203050701	143.02344	47.553295	263.05462	7.9942055e-14	MaxBCG J143.01990+47.55526	11.1732	0.234950	139.21
XMMXCS J121156.6 + 502917.6	0203170101	182.98614	50.488237	532.67445	4.0517493e-14	PCG J1211+5029	10.1134	-	110.32
XMMXCS J124928.8 - 060010.7	0203270301	192.37002	-6.0029972	352.01359	1.4167810e-14	BLOX J1249.4-0600.0	8.18196	-	122.46
XMMXCS J100201.6 + 021333.0	0203360301	150.50685	2.2258393	826.65981	4.9792870e-14	[FGH2007] 032	7.06212	0.900000	371.09
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XMMXCS J100042.7 + 014551.4	0203361001	150.17813	1.7642919	201.17288	3.0608887e-14	[SAB2007] LSS 28	15.9011	0.300000	25.69
XMMXCS J100023.0 + 022358.5	0203361201	150.09620	2.3996096	53.659732	5.8206053e-15	[FGH2007] 085	24.8693	0.220000	37.81
XMMXCS J100027.0 + 022133.3	0203361301	150.11286	2.3592614	100.96848	8.1507819e-15	[FGH2007] 078	22.1492	0.220000	27.66
XMMXCS J095950.7 + 021246.4	0203361301	149.96146	2.2128906	79.402358	6.8192231e-15	[FGH2007] 101	12.9681	0.430000	25.35
XMMXCS J100013.8 + 022234.8	0203361301	150.05786	2.3763404	71.989098	6.6101088e-15	[FGH2007] 087	13.1846	0.400000	25.30
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XMMXCS J095940.8 + 023112.4	0203361701	149.92005	2.5201357	1001.3396	4.7040269e-14	SL J0959.6+0231	21.7661	0.730000	643.95
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XMMXCS J111730.6 + 074630.7	0203560401	169.37751	7.7752137	959.29157	2.6918491e-14	BLOX J1117.5+0746.3	13.4914	0.160000	218.65
XMMXCS J231806.0 - 423536.1	0204610101	349.52520	-42.593367	1666.6277	1.0257638e-13	400d J2318-4235	15.0941	0.209000	506.07
XMMXCS J000141.3 - 154030.5	0204790101	0.42236334	-15.675149	1605.1326	9.3688878e-13	BMW-HRI J000141.3-154042	11.4938	-	-
XMMXCS J122025.4 + 290534.2	0205010101	185.10600	29.092840	136.78945	1.6933036e-14	NSC J122026+290511	25.7424	0.144400	16.19
XMMXCS J041646.5 - 552501.8	0205090201	64.193769	-55.417180	710.01685	2.0447368e-13	RX J0416.7-5525	16.0144	0.365000	144.81
XMMXCS J010743.3 - 465448.8	0205470301	16.930784	-46.913574	1334.2872	4.8909151e-13	ABELL 2870	10.8422	0.023700	-
XMMXCS J130749.6 + 292549.3	0205910101	196.95674	29.430371	7303.2244	3.5136078e-13	ZwCl 1305.4+2941	7.37226	0.241000	-
XMMXCS J095343.5 + 694734.0	0206080101	148.43166	69.792778	2323.6088	1.9913353e-13	400d J0953+6947	7.20762	0.214000	-
XMMXCS J080712.8 + 152701.5	0206100101	121.80341	15.450433	1631.7052	1.4156211e-13	MaxBCG J121.81094+15.45007	26.1419	0.108050	386.90
XMMXCS J133934.0 - 001658.5	0211080701	204.89190	-0.28292073	258.42016	7.8705704e-14	[BMA2003] BH 601	5.85403	-	51.91
XMMXCS J083811.1 + 250549.1	0302260201	129.54636	25.096996	411.95900	3.8653804e-13	400d J0838+2506	16.1969	0.028600	131.39
XMMXCS J163015.6 + 243423.8	0302260701	247.56512	24.573281	1075.3695	4.2417043e-13	MCG +04-39-010	25.2430	-	351.75
XMMXCS J100109.4 + 013331.8	0302351001	150.28931	1.5588524	340.29942	2.2405591e-14	[FGH2007] 057	17.9482	0.360000	55.30
XMMXCS J100047.4 + 013927.7	0302351001	150.19753	1.6577194	2969.7894	1.9535959e-13	NSC J100047+013912	5.74633	0.220000	-
XMMXCS J100009.0 + 023258.1	0302351101	150.03783	2.5494802	906.23013	5.1448383e-15	[FGH2007] 093	24.6371	1.250000	53.50
XMMXCS J095946.9 + 025519.7	0302351601	149.94573	2.9221445	59.456645	2.1234463e-14	[FGH2007] 104	16.8781	0.130000	50.07
XMMXCS J095944.4 + 023615.1	0302351601	149.93511	2.6042077	237.89383	1.5510422e-14	CFHTLS CL J095945+023627	15.7923	0.260000	23.78
XMMXCS J095959.3 + 021534.3	0302351701	149.99731	2.2595438	31.137077	9.5156012e-15	CFHTLS CL J095959+021512	22.6600	0.400000	10.15
XMMXCS J095952.1 + 014048.7	0302352001	149.96717	1.6802212	523.17202	6.4509576e-14	[FGH2007] 099	8.32374	0.370000	98.26
XMMXCS J103513.2 + 575025.7	0303260201	158.80508	57.840477	268.37577	1.1370028e-13	[B2002a] 17	8.23296	-	51.98
XMMXCS J141534.9 + 282334.7	0304071701	213.89544	28.392989	737.30533	1.0430970e-13	NSCS J141531+282421	22.9462	0.220000	259.28
XMMXCS J141553.8 + 281717.9	0304071701	213.97438	28.288319	126.31866	4.2659430e-14	MaxBCG J213.97657+28.28441	15.6887	0.137750	31.50
XMMXCS J144811.2 - 002509.7	0304200901	222.04692	-0.41936930	72.480700	4.3373226e-14	SDSS CE J222.053848-00.414730	29.7670	0.151904	24.90
XMMXCS J010659.1 + 320934.9	0305290101	16.746267	32.159708	896.90197	2.5412090e-15	400d J0106+3209	5.12937	0.112000	163.08
XMMXCS J023759.8 - 522434.2	0305370101	39.499496	-52.409504	3679.4186	4.3223530e-13	400d J0237-5224	13.0568	0.136000	-
XMMXCS J150824.8 - 001533.7	0305750201	227.10350	-0.25936155	468.31521	2.1093884e-13	SDSS-C4 1011	28.5312	0.090000	97.01
XMMXCS J171521.3 + 572451.9	0305750401	258.83911	57.414433	6542.5490	3.4952146e-12	SDSS-C4-DR3 3152	17.4160	-	-
XMMXCS J134124.7 - 010207.4	0305750901	205.35299	-1.0353977	199.11060	5.6323767e-14	MaxBCG J205.35590-01.04186	25.5047	0.288950	41.09
XMMXCS J005603.0 - 373248.1	0305860301	14.012611	-37.546719	13727.734	1.1731820e-12	400d J0056-3732	24.3069	0.162500	-
XMMXCS J005544.2 - 372503.8	0305860301	13.934375	-37.417738	1440.3843	2.1897599e-13	ABELL 50102	24.5585	0.055825	422.22
XMMXCS J010720.5 + 141615.9	0305920101	16.835579	14.271108	7000.2976	3.6185377e-13	SDSS-C4 2049	20.6765	0.074410	-
XMMXCS J033810.8 - 225623.7	0305930101	54.545401	-22.939919	2714.6738	1.2974012e-13	400d J0338-2256	12.5001	0.173000	-
XMMXCS J122227.7 + 142810.7	0306060101	185.61567	14.469664	373.41683	4.8066711e-14	MaxBCG J185.62052+14.47192	18.7096	0.234950	81.01
XMMXCS J030433.9 - 005406.8	0307000701	46.141581	-0.90190258	982.05844	4.2369309e-13	[SBV2004] RS 63	20.5600	0.158600	-
XMMXCS J074100.8 + 650349.3	0307001501	115.25358	65.063722	93.367900	5.6947176e-15	OC01 J0740+6504	25.5602	0.300000	20.99
XMMXCS J074234.2 + 651712.3	0307001501	115.64258	65.286775	223.09136	5.1700010e-14	RIXOS F234 505	8.19330	0.167000	37.13
XMMXCS J090100.9 + 600607.8	0312191001	135.25415	60.102168	2202.9989	4.0418408e-13	MaxBCG J135.25325+60.10133	3.39452	0.291650	466.32
XMMXCS J092325.4 + 225648.0	0312191401	140.85595	22.946669	821.81453	1.1903365e-13	MaxBCG J140.85564+22.94378	10.4513	0.183650	347.03
XMMXCS J033445.3 + 001705.7	0402320201	53.689032	0.28493253	119.22562	5.8398678e-14	SDSS CE J053.695625+00.289605	29.9338	0.299404	41.53
XMMXCS J092540.1 + 362709.3	0402370101	141.41725	36.452610	3262.2503	3.0862664e-13	RCS J092540+3626.8	20.7289	0.233000	-
XMMXCS J092659.0 + 361221.1	0402370101	141.74600	36.205869	246.81517	2.4442530e-14	RCS J092658+3612.1	13.1902	0.489000	27.06

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XCS Name	Obsid	RA	Dec	Counts	Flux	Literature Name	Match Distance	Literature Redshift	Sig
XMMXCS J092622.6 + 362132.2	0402370101	141.59456	36.358959	278.42167	1.7898745e−14	RCS J092621+3621.8	17.5324	0.887000	73.01
XMMXCS J004624.5 + 420429.6	0402561401	11.602322	42.074903	10961.142	6.2217720e−13	RX J0046.4+4204	7.21836	0.300000	-
XMMXCS J003101.5 + 262632.4	0402750601	7.7565767	26.442357	412.40261	5.0393743e−14	[B2002a] 01	7.17306	-	136.90
XMMXCS J001639.6 − 010205.2	0403760701	4.1651984	−1.0348049	666.16877	6.6069339e−14	MaxBCG J004.16184-01.03538	12.2284	0.162050	63.60
XMMXCS J144720.1 + 631626.4	0404050301	221.83376	63.274004	106.71207	1.2335837e−13	MaxBCG J221.83176+63.27200	7.87344	0.194450	65.03
XMMXCS J103931.9 + 394737.1	0406610101	159.88300	39.793655	431.79124	7.8855494e−14	400d J1039+3947	24.8884	0.092600	132.81
XMMXCS J002314.1 + 001202.1	0407030101	5.8091391	0.20058627	405.04183	3.2320770e−14	SDSS CE J005.801610+00.197059	29.9230	0.254019	52.27
XMMXCS J220204.9 − 315909.2	0414580101	330.52079	−31.985890	3705.6457	2.2803301e−13	KTS 66	21.1534	0.009000	-
XMMXCS J095924.8 + 014613.5	0501170101	149.85374	1.7704194	862.66066	4.2559490e−14	[FGH2007] 113	29.6833	0.120000	320.95
XMMXCS J040448.2 − 435055.4	0501210701	61.201159	−43.848736	380.19895	5.7292331e−14	ABELL S0416	12.9413	0.064800	97.31
XMMXCS J084105.4 + 383157.7	0502060201	130.27263	38.532699	345.55096	3.4537263e−14	MaxBCG J130.27341+38.53306	2.55156	0.240350	112.40
XMMXCS J143120.8 − 005344.6	0502060301	217.83695	−0.89573268	778.64836	3.3044736e−13	SDSS CE J217.834290-00.898368	13.6828	0.378827	502.38
XMMXCS J102044.5 + 383113.7	0503601301	155.18576	38.520475	174.01154	1.3369924e−13	400d J1020+3831	16.5775	0.053000	79.18
XMMXCS J115641.1 + 524323.0	0504100901	179.17129	52.723067	112.37857	7.8134596e−15	NSCS J115642+524329	10.0560	0.470000	35.49
XMMXCS J232537.9 − 544408.9	0505383201	351.40810	−54.735828	791.92111	2.0925726e−13	400d J2325-5443	14.1115	0.102000	224.40

Table D.1: DR3 StatSam Known Clusters. Column descriptions are given in Section 4.4

XCS Name	Obsid	RA	Dec	Counts	Flux	Literature Name	Match Distance	Literature Redshift	Sig
XMMXCS J002606.6 + 102750.4	0001930101	6.5275011	10.464019	37.707573	2.0515345e-14	-	-	-	7.88
XMMXCS J002635.8 + 103445.5	0001930101	6.6492228	10.579308	310.05012	4.6093743e-14	-	-	-	73.96
XMMXCS J125329.9 + 100653.9	0001930301	193.37494	10.114986	225.29630	2.6094818e-14	-	-	-	28.25
XMMXCS J035424.1 + 233430.4	0002740101	58.600697	23.575131	282.26216	2.3190440e-14	-	-	-	23.12
XMMXCS J122748.6 - 153612.5	0002740301	186.95270	-15.603497	84.693017	3.5875496e-14	-	-	-	12.18
XMMXCS J130659.5 - 234926.3	0002940101	196.74795	-23.823976	41.740368	1.4235332e-14	-	-	-	26.15
XMMXCS J130650.0 - 233127.0	0002940101	196.70846	-23.524179	355.08271	1.3599282e-13	-	-	-	169.81
XMMXCS J011034.3 - 375637.9	0002942301	17.643264	-37.943863	48.239468	2.6303669e-14	-	-	-	13.08
XMMXCS J233732.9 + 270136.6	0002960101	354.38745	27.026840	107.17602	3.4804412e-14	-	-	-	19.96
XMMXCS J233858.1 + 270608.0	0002960101	354.74237	27.102249	125.18113	1.9474518e-14	-	-	-	7.49
XMMXCS J144238.4 + 353720.4	0005010101	220.66028	35.622358	69.087270	1.9067509e-14	-	-	-	15.61
XMMXCS J074528.1 + 280011.3	0006010301	116.36717	28.003151	1815.8652	9.1195714e-14	-	-	-	672.84
XMMXCS J002409.8 - 771840.8	0006010401	6.0410802	-77.311344	74.055450	4.4135926e-15	-	-	-	22.18
XMMXCS J002530.8 - 772852.3	0006010401	6.3785062	-77.481204	266.43540	2.9748008e-14	-	-	-	54.63
XMMXCS J002323.1 - 771109.3	0006010401	5.8463702	-77.185926	63.934177	5.0792102e-15	-	-	-	2.64
XMMXCS J002201.9 - 772042.7	0006010401	5.5082924	-77.345198	424.44078	9.1604672e-14	-	-	-	122.06
XMMXCS J002807.2 - 771105.6	0006010401	7.0302973	-77.184891	480.49277	4.2308717e-14	-	-	-	144.06
XMMXCS J123644.7 - 395637.4	0006220201	189.18638	-39.943743	192.76509	3.4179447e-14	-	-	-	60.59
XMMXCS J125102.9 + 272205.6	0008220201	192.76234	27.368229	79.346917	7.9220135e-15	-	-	-	28.28
XMMXCS J125219.1 + 273228.5	0008220201	193.07997	27.541263	93.268734	5.7630087e-15	-	-	-	34.57
XMMXCS J125122.7 + 272550.5	0008220201	192.84492	27.430697	12.325972	2.1278322e-15	-	-	-	35.68
XMMXCS J125220.8 + 274306.1	0008220201	193.08682	27.718369	90.205817	2.3350680e-14	-	-	-	27.21
XMMXCS J061324.8 + 710342.3	0009220301	93.353451	71.061760	198.01655	5.4738060e-14	-	-	-	33.06
XMMXCS J061804.5 + 711039.2	0009220301	94.518769	71.177582	46.820027	1.3997620e-13	-	-	-	17.24
XMMXCS J061659.0 + 711435.0	0009220301	94.245924	71.243907	39.120656	2.0759854e-14	-	-	-	10.48
XMMXCS J061335.8 + 710636.9	0009220301	93.399364	71.110252	165.31610	8.9440217e-14	-	-	-	14.95
XMMXCS J061745.2 + 711254.5	0009220301	94.438727	71.215152	440.45467	7.8706526e-13	-	-	-	84.18
XMMXCS J061606.9 + 711527.8	0009220401	94.028769	71.257745	37.899687	3.5039099e-14	-	-	-	18.32
XMMXCS J061714.8 + 711206.7	0009220901	94.312026	71.201863	133.47813	3.5156778e-14	-	-	-	25.18
XMMXCS J061503.8 + 710739.8	0009220901	93.766155	71.127748	103.21245	2.5542899e-14	-	-	-	11.15
XMMXCS J061754.5 + 710320.7	0009221601	94.477201	71.055756	192.90458	-4.4379115e-15	-	-	-	20.10
XMMXCS J061242.2 + 710720.4	0009221601	93.175964	71.122359	172.63235	1.7391183e-13	-	-	-	29.31
XMMXCS J061456.2 + 711413.4	0009221601	93.734441	71.237058	179.06245	6.7635247e-15	-	-	-	19.84
XMMXCS J061342.9 + 705048.9	0009221601	93.429004	70.846939	293.44183	1.9582875e-13	-	-	-	19.46
XMMXCS J061238.9 + 710439.7	0009221601	93.162360	71.077710	147.54530	1.2691702e-13	-	-	-	11.94
XMMXCS J225535.9 - 025746.0	0009650101	343.89974	-2.9627896	71.313036	2.2031117e-14	-	-	-	13.51
XMMXCS J221726.0 - 082542.2	0009650201	334.35836	-8.4283945	99.848212	2.8527515e-14	-	-	-	59.68
XMMXCS J221707.2 - 081936.1	0009650201	334.28031	-8.3267130	27.835966	9.4354616e-15	-	-	-	16.23
XMMXCS J051507.8 + 010530.5	0010620101	78.782787	1.0918063	65.737479	6.0594314e-15	-	-	-	47.46
XMMXCS J051609.8 + 010954.1	0010620101	79.041169	1.1650405	88.426726	1.3999095e-14	-	-	-	23.49
XMMXCS J152609.4 + 513436.6	0011830201	231.53934	51.576853	29.971102	2.1827251e-15	-	-	-	23.01
XMMXCS J152525.7 + 513043.2	0011830201	231.35722	51.512025	117.46977	6.7917493e-15	-	-	-	33.89
XMMXCS J152516.7 + 513459.4	0011830401	231.31998	51.583172	657.79835	8.5171512e-14	-	-	-	23.10
XMMXCS J152611.7 + 515134.0	0011830401	231.54895	51.859450	1124.0912	6.0870259e-13	-	-	-	127.75
XMMXCS J152418.0 + 513853.1	0011830401	231.07524	51.648099	469.61871	-1.6586233e-13	-	-	-	26.03
XMMXCS J152421.5 + 514058.6	0011830401	231.08971	51.682955	606.60978	3.5309859e-13	-	-	-	29.62
XMMXCS J152450.6 + 514805.0	0011830401	231.21088	51.801395	344.14885	1.9700112e-13	-	-	-	70.46
XMMXCS J152458.1 + 512606.8	0011830401	231.24212	51.435221	1693.6530	7.9058866e-13	-	-	-	139.40
XMMXCS J152437.5 + 514548.0	0011830401	231.15656	51.763354	1730.8564	1.0488748e-12	-	-	-	135.78
XMMXCS J152535.8 + 515122.1	0011830401	231.39942	51.856157	2876.4145	1.4998913e-12	-	-	-	412.06
XMMXCS J005606.1 - 011215.0	0012440101	14.025767	-1.2041696	1239.1977	7.9585006e-14	-	-	-	250.68
XMMXCS J005623.2 - 010804.5	0012440101	14.096958	-1.1345888	2216.8483	2.0891278e-13	-	-	-	124.67
XMMXCS J005603.1 - 012038.6	0012440101	14.013030	-1.3440747	1071.0870	5.2765096e-14	-	-	-	118.84
XMMXCS J005625.7 - 011757.4	0012440101	14.107496	-1.2992863	6113.6675	3.0745087e-13	-	-	-	-
XMMXCS J005613.6 - 011508.5	0012440101	14.056752	-1.2523825	33239.670	1.8985971e-12	-	-	-	-
XMMXCS J005656.4 - 011221.4	0012440101	14.235101	-1.2059640	362.43045	3.7651803e-14	-	-	-	57.68
XMMXCS J220420.4 - 020546.3	0012440301	331.08502	-2.0962135	36.031990	7.9286510e-15	-	-	-	33.16
XMMXCS J220550.0 - 015931.7	0012440301	331.45864	-1.9921540	131.61500	1.0732504e-14	-	-	-	54.78
XMMXCS J220559.2 - 015814.6	0012440301	331.49686	-1.9707268	97.568993	1.1500578e-14	-	-	-	32.60
XMMXCS J033856.1 - 354035.1	0012830101	54.733901	-35.676440	55.325429	-8.5713031e-13	-	-	-	14.19
XMMXCS J033901.8 - 353959.5	0012830101	54.757615	-35.666552	80.300050	-1.4933989e-11	-	-	-	19.68
XMMXCS J223615.1 + 335639.1	0021140201	339.06325	33.944208	548.37276	1.6067912e-14	-	-	-	277.01
XMMXCS J223526.5 + 334800.7	0021140201	338.86058	33.800200	39.683519	1.4727566e-14	-	-	-	5.41
XMMXCS J223535.1 + 340356.0	0021140201	338.89664	34.065566	48.327448	2.7436079e-15	-	-	-	18.85
XMMXCS J223546.8 + 335243.7	0021140201	338.94506	33.878821	307.39135	1.5357733e-14	-	-	-	37.84
XMMXCS J124357.4 + 113614.9	0021540201	190.98919	11.604162	217.53991	8.5068669e-15	-	-	-	63.21

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XCS Name	Obsid	RA	Dec	Counts	Flux	Literature Name	Match Distance	Literature Redshift	Sig
XMMXCS J124302.7 + 113351.4	0021540201	190.76144	11.564303	156.08189	7.4137164e-15	-	-	-	32.07
XMMXCS J124300.3 + 113656.0	0021540201	190.75154	11.615572	275.51750	1.9590673e-14	-	-	-	62.16
XMMXCS J124252.5 + 112838.1	0021540201	190.71877	11.477270	164.40386	1.0464831e-14	-	-	-	46.52
XMMXCS J150653.2 + 014415.7	0021540501	226.72189	1.7376955	155.81034	2.7630881e-14	-	-	-	29.96
XMMXCS J150707.0 + 013215.5	0021540501	226.77938	1.5376522	207.01893	3.8473172e-14	-	-	-	32.50
XMMXCS J094034.9 + 355950.2	0021740101	145.14570	35.997280	520.74654	4.0762153e-14	-	-	-	51.30
XMMXCS J131020.0 + 272319.3	0021740201	197.58361	27.388696	79.161355	5.7985200e-15	-	-	-	16.71
XMMXCS J131049.2 + 274043.8	0021740201	197.70523	27.678839	207.63234	1.6566674e-14	-	-	-	59.52
XMMXCS J173053.0 + 520851.3	0021750201	262.72091	52.147588	45.446667	1.7423953e-14	-	-	-	27.80
XMMXCS J173015.8 + 520551.6	0021751001	262.56589	52.097691	147.49030	4.5771371e-14	-	-	-	22.71
XMMXCS J105044.5 + 572926.0	0022740301	162.68559	57.490560	51.555503	1.0228134e-14	-	-	-	29.73
XMMXCS J041859.2 + 153944.1	0024140101	64.747013	15.662262	84.050128	8.1321936e-15	-	-	-	10.70
XMMXCS J041855.6 + 153243.6	0024140101	64.731957	15.545460	79.824628	1.3114479e-14	-	-	-	28.62
XMMXCS J041939.1 + 153417.7	0024140101	64.913038	15.571594	165.60620	5.7211694e-15	-	-	-	24.30
XMMXCS J041905.3 + 154439.9	0024140101	64.772230	15.744429	87.806324	5.2788535e-15	-	-	-	13.87
XMMXCS J041924.7 + 153205.1	0024140101	64.853277	15.534764	38.066403	2.5164011e-15	-	-	-	12.57
XMMXCS J042021.7 + 154738.8	0024140101	65.090739	15.794137	131.47387	8.5254719e-15	-	-	-	35.13
XMMXCS J010730.5 - 171932.1	0025540101	16.877426	-17.325608	43.355225	1.0897040e-14	-	-	-	20.84
XMMXCS J010739.7 - 174504.2	0025540101	16.915606	-17.751182	228.97219	4.0608651e-13	-	-	-	30.21
XMMXCS J010725.2 - 172029.1	0025540101	16.855205	-17.341444	89.642252	3.5359041e-14	-	-	-	12.75
XMMXCS J010744.2 - 171807.1	0025540101	16.934577	-17.301973	248.27725	5.6260335e-14	-	-	-	39.98
XMMXCS J083856.0 + 253807.3	0025540301	129.73363	25.635362	108.91032	3.2499490e-14	-	-	-	40.95
XMMXCS J083905.4 + 254447.6	0025540301	129.77264	25.746557	89.680495	3.1470008e-14	-	-	-	40.53
XMMXCS J084837.8 + 741702.6	0025540401	132.15763	74.284068	43.558967	2.4687061e-14	-	-	-	11.32
XMMXCS J012414.9 + 033705.0	0025541601	21.062281	3.6180716	38.335559	7.4377874e-15	-	-	-	11.12
XMMXCS J012400.0 + 035110.8	0025541601	21.000162	3.8530210	61.002209	1.2616481e-14	-	-	-	21.74
XMMXCS J012414.4 + 035642.6	0025541601	21.060150	3.9451898	79.275142	2.0626172e-14	-	-	-	40.82
XMMXCS J084924.5 + 735441.2	0025541701	132.35239	73.911451	59.065560	2.4018955e-14	-	-	-	19.75
XMMXCS J093958.5 + 711404.6	0026340101	144.99404	71.234612	37.266919	1.7499200e-15	-	-	-	10.71
XMMXCS J093941.5 + 710715.1	0026340101	144.92298	71.120889	178.70444	1.2575072e-14	-	-	-	35.02
XMMXCS J094130.3 + 711132.3	0026340101	145.37645	71.192313	274.76637	2.2830160e-14	-	-	-	41.10
XMMXCS J101051.1 - 045340.1	0026340201	152.71293	-4.8944952	223.76292	3.1824195e-14	-	-	-	15.97
XMMXCS J101032.7 - 045201.0	0026340201	152.63646	-4.8669718	232.08992	-2.5356470e-14	-	-	-	21.55
XMMXCS J101049.4 - 042722.0	0026340201	152.70594	-4.4561294	311.19349	8.4524158e-14	-	-	-	133.36
XMMXCS J101007.5 - 044552.3	0026340201	152.53136	-4.7645417	111.09518	4.9557916e-14	-	-	-	38.10
XMMXCS J101016.5 - 044940.3	0026340201	152.56906	-4.8278731	2185.2489	7.1885387e-13	-	-	-	198.56
XMMXCS J101018.6 - 043359.1	0026340201	152.57757	-4.5664256	16689.930	5.5913016e-12	-	-	-	-
XMMXCS J102744.3 + 681121.1	0026340301	156.93497	68.189201	222.45187	4.6457032e-14	-	-	-	114.90
XMMXCS J102837.6 + 682102.5	0026340301	157.15687	68.350701	186.90044	1.5720937e-14	-	-	-	110.73
XMMXCS J001436.6 - 390016.6	0028740101	3.6525911	-39.004631	184.52686	1.8651399e-14	-	-	-	28.64
XMMXCS J001636.3 - 392511.5	0028740201	4.1515426	-39.419864	99.195958	4.5794767e-14	-	-	-	8.87
XMMXCS J001610.8 - 391659.3	0028740201	4.0452627	-39.283143	341.39513	1.6746034e-14	-	-	-	128.83
XMMXCS J001528.7 - 392636.5	0028740201	3.8696708	-39.443497	303.17812	2.5584192e-14	-	-	-	45.16
XMMXCS J101738.3 + 413233.1	0028740301	154.40972	41.542554	124.80602	2.2318085e-14	-	-	-	27.21
XMMXCS J063945.8 + 821850.3	0029340101	99.941079	82.313978	1178.1340	4.8774927e-14	-	-	-	394.47
XMMXCS J064424.0 + 822628.6	0029340101	101.10034	82.441287	211.34071	3.8997640e-14	-	-	-	63.69
XMMXCS J064016.8 + 822903.5	0029340101	100.07036	82.484323	127.92240	1.8254562e-14	-	-	-	33.84
XMMXCS J064802.9 + 821000.0	0029340101	102.01219	82.166670	242.77372	2.4279953e-14	-	-	-	13.50
XMMXCS J063551.6 + 821206.5	0029340101	98.965057	82.201819	203.43195	9.1948648e-15	-	-	-	7.23
XMMXCS J064245.1 + 822832.7	0029340101	100.68826	82.475756	79.150404	1.4701133e-14	-	-	-	12.68
XMMXCS J063819.2 + 821306.0	0029340101	99.580067	82.218350	362.73643	1.4145071e-14	-	-	-	39.39
XMMXCS J133502.1 - 341136.3	0029740101	203.75915	-34.193420	267.63880	1.7099814e-13	-	-	-	56.23
XMMXCS J133640.6 - 341115.7	0029740701	204.16953	-34.187705	115.26744	8.4949018e-15	-	-	-	14.24
XMMXCS J133514.7 - 341624.3	0029740801	203.81151	-34.273432	547.30148	1.7990754e-14	-	-	-	140.34
XMMXCS J133639.1 - 341047.6	0029740801	204.16309	-34.179900	175.37302	1.0379034e-14	-	-	-	11.67
XMMXCS J133608.7 - 340506.0	0029740801	204.03643	-34.085013	396.12655	2.5655907e-14	-	-	-	31.78
XMMXCS J121927.4 + 473603.7	0032140101	184.86426	47.601028	252.72238	-4.3360599e-13	-	-	-	101.34
XMMXCS J121857.4 + 472823.9	0032140101	184.73930	47.473313	55839.036	1.0697450e-11	-	-	-	-
XMMXCS J121749.6 + 472435.5	0032140101	184.45677	47.409881	4255.7086	-3.7451711e-12	-	-	-	-
XMMXCS J121930.2 + 473913.6	0032140101	184.87601	47.653783	952.63009	2.1160410e-13	-	-	-	127.07
XMMXCS J121832.5 + 475131.3	0032140101	184.63548	47.858716	3347.8765	4.9932048e-13	-	-	-	220.49
XMMXCS J230159.0 + 082242.9	0032140201	345.49620	8.3786073	37.124491	2.8897053e-14	-	-	-	41.14
XMMXCS J230159.9 + 084633.0	0032140201	345.49970	8.7758569	34.178236	2.0700831e-14	-	-	-	21.84
XMMXCS J230246.9 + 084816.2	0032140201	345.69554	8.8045240	37.597299	1.3160412e-14	-	-	-	18.21
XMMXCS J230218.6 + 082408.9	0032140201	345.57760	8.4024925	63.482666	3.1777174e-14	-	-	-	19.03

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XCS Name	Obsid	RA	Dec	Counts	Flux	Literature Name	Match Distance	Literature Redshift	Sig
XMMXCS J014153.0 – 675142.1	0032140401	25.470842	–67.861712	51.916427	1.6637990e–14	-	-	-	11.05
XMMXCS J233146.2 + 192413.4	0032140701	352.94271	19.403731	28.360306	2.6491984e–14	-	-	-	29.55
XMMXCS J233145.3 + 194309.9	0032140701	352.93880	19.719431	52.838462	9.6588888e–15	-	-	-	18.52
XMMXCS J130549.4 – 102716.0	0032141201	196.45608	–10.454452	52.495484	6.7315378e–15	-	-	-	22.96
XMMXCS J130456.6 – 101011.0	0032141201	196.23605	–10.169741	64.064383	1.2484013e–14	-	-	-	25.49
XMMXCS J130424.2 – 102927.9	0032141201	196.10109	–10.491100	100.85986	4.6842723e–14	-	-	-	27.35
XMMXCS J130514.5 – 102306.4	0032141201	196.31046	–10.385118	391.66420	3.7408174e–14	-	-	-	135.93
XMMXCS J130505.7 – 101643.6	0032141201	196.27407	–10.278802	115.77475	1.3502817e–14	-	-	-	81.65
XMMXCS J120850.9 + 452951.2	0033540601	182.21218	45.497580	712.47090	2.1788872e–13	-	-	-	248.09
XMMXCS J120911.3 + 453012.1	0033540601	182.29714	45.503364	117.08965	3.2388204e–14	-	-	-	28.16
XMMXCS J163248.1 + 373846.9	0033540901	248.20055	37.646364	113.22123	1.5432262e–14	-	-	-	35.46
XMMXCS J163133.4 + 374905.6	0033540901	247.88932	37.818240	91.800607	1.8831066e–14	-	-	-	25.03
XMMXCS J163056.9 + 374223.2	0033540901	247.73713	37.706460	69.044594	2.7985967e–14	-	-	-	45.06
XMMXCS J163156.7 + 374651.2	0033540901	247.98657	37.780895	61.400816	8.3296601e–15	-	-	-	29.85
XMMXCS J121508.6 + 362007.4	0035940201	183.78598	36.335393	164.79248	2.2937452e–14	-	-	-	37.60
XMMXCS J133946.7 – 314218.6	0035940301	204.94482	–31.705172	119.05165	4.7954930e–15	-	-	-	22.96
XMMXCS J133943.6 – 314709.7	0035940301	204.93205	–31.786030	155.83973	1.0470582e–14	-	-	-	24.14
XMMXCS J033858.7 + 001530.3	0036540101	54.744615	0.25843751	71.366414	7.2658997e–15	-	-	-	31.80
XMMXCS J022214.5 – 034616.9	0037980101	35.560674	–3.7713786	76.283924	1.1470757e–14	-	-	-	9.63
XMMXCS J022246.3 – 035155.8	0037980101	35.693243	–3.8655209	125.00147	1.1565626e–14	-	-	-	40.60
XMMXCS J022148.0 – 034609.2	0037980101	35.450353	–3.7692432	358.74941	1.0901185e–13	-	-	-	133.03
XMMXCS J022405.8 – 035503.4	0037980201	36.024398	–3.9176325	169.08572	2.3048061e–14	-	-	-	32.45
XMMXCS J022306.4 – 035029.5	0037980201	35.776775	–3.8415409	60.682166	2.8855511e–14	-	-	-	12.03
XMMXCS J022528.9 – 040032.2	0037980301	36.370728	–4.0089458	200.71659	4.8020206e–14	-	-	-	52.60
XMMXCS J022551.4 – 034524.9	0037980401	36.464499	–3.7569292	60.668957	2.1898269e–14	-	-	-	14.17
XMMXCS J022343.3 – 033051.2	0037980801	35.930812	–3.5142476	38.050067	2.8424535e–14	-	-	-	21.55
XMMXCS J022454.0 – 032844.1	0037980801	36.225406	–3.4789352	80.309078	1.7027369e–14	-	-	-	32.14
XMMXCS J022251.0 – 031144.4	0037981101	35.712809	–3.1956828	86.107201	1.0114141e–14	-	-	-	37.78
XMMXCS J022236.6 – 025708.5	0037981101	35.652753	–2.9523687	67.522051	2.3957334e–14	-	-	-	16.89
XMMXCS J022356.1 – 030558.0	0037981201	35.983939	–3.0994473	129.83887	1.7980823e–14	-	-	-	39.89
XMMXCS J022539.9 – 031127.6	0037981301	36.416543	–3.1910223	4226.3493	6.0747489e–13	-	-	-	652.70
XMMXCS J022544.1 – 031150.0	0037981401	36.433981	–3.1972245	1135.7813	4.5454143e–13	-	-	-	366.65
XMMXCS J022707.7 – 030114.8	0037981401	36.782442	–3.0207855	107.98377	2.8405438e–14	-	-	-	40.95
XMMXCS J022801.6 – 030257.6	0037981501	37.006911	–3.0493477	46.539544	1.0341428e–14	-	-	-	20.41
XMMXCS J022347.6 – 025127.8	0037981601	35.948428	–2.8577273	232.67330	3.9539765e–14	-	-	-	62.25
XMMXCS J022616.2 – 023954.0	0037981801	36.567810	–2.6650095	682.35118	1.2234775e–13	-	-	-	569.05
XMMXCS J022511.4 – 024432.6	0037981801	36.297637	–2.7424117	6.2704901	1.2010762e–15	-	-	-	51.93
XMMXCS J022744.4 – 025648.4	0037981901	36.935265	–2.9468055	24.415879	4.2656185e–15	-	-	-	16.30
XMMXCS J022103.1 – 042556.6	0037982101	35.263112	–4.4324021	88.056009	1.0176667e–14	-	-	-	56.46
XMMXCS J022157.8 – 043800.0	0037982101	35.491082	–4.6333364	115.57224	2.5156870e–14	-	-	-	14.09
XMMXCS J022142.3 – 042723.0	0037982101	35.426345	–4.4564009	39.156323	4.8937429e–15	-	-	-	44.81
XMMXCS J022130.4 – 040545.3	0037982201	35.376775	–4.0959314	183.89859	2.6633716e–14	-	-	-	28.60
XMMXCS J021929.6 – 043312.2	0037982301	34.873683	–4.5533958	84.728663	1.4431453e–14	-	-	-	55.64
XMMXCS J022003.1 – 041212.0	0037982401	35.013316	–4.2033374	32.424068	4.8155441e–15	-	-	-	26.71
XMMXCS J022023.9 – 040303.5	0037982401	35.099712	–4.0509926	79.923779	1.1114892e–14	-	-	-	21.71
XMMXCS J021951.1 – 033231.8	0037982601	34.962993	–3.5421913	123.57391	3.3443316e–14	-	-	-	31.68
XMMXCS J022045.0 – 032556.6	0037982601	35.187867	–3.4324081	586.79511	6.6536157e–14	-	-	-	237.77
XMMXCS J021939.2 – 032517.1	0037982601	34.913582	–3.4214217	45.154822	3.2339793e–14	-	-	-	47.42
XMMXCS J022038.8 – 030145.9	0037982701	35.162076	–3.0294234	80.477074	1.6489568e–14	-	-	-	42.64
XMMXCS J022118.7 – 032323.9	0037982701	35.328285	–3.3899933	59.246544	1.1669731e–14	-	-	-	10.95
XMMXCS J022045.3 – 030100.0	0037982701	35.188884	–3.0166753	89.405989	2.5613865e–14	-	-	-	31.89
XMMXCS J210406.9 – 121659.9	0038540301	316.02905	–12.283306	67.392736	1.1616354e–14	-	-	-	83.79
XMMXCS J104030.1 + 085653.3	0038540401	160.12549	8.9481531	1890.7845	4.9755196e–13	-	-	-	118.71
XMMXCS J103937.2 + 090327.7	0038540401	159.90535	9.0577098	2840.8761	3.0751682e–13	-	-	-	469.38
XMMXCS J103929.6 + 090706.7	0038540401	159.87361	9.1185315	904.53879	5.2578205e–13	-	-	-	250.31
XMMXCS J103941.4 + 091851.1	0038540401	159.92256	9.3142078	18370.093	–3.2553469e–11	-	-	-	-
XMMXCS J015924.2 + 081141.9	0038541101	29.850960	8.1949764	219.95582	1.6393187e–13	-	-	-	15.28
XMMXCS J153301.5 + 322840.5	0039140101	233.25666	32.477945	829.24744	9.4914467e–14	-	-	-	100.90
XMMXCS J153352.9 + 324448.4	0039140101	233.47080	32.746792	459.85434	1.4064702e–13	-	-	-	19.35
XMMXCS J153240.2 + 325632.2	0039140101	233.16765	32.942289	979.33267	2.4046910e–13	-	-	-	45.57
XMMXCS J153323.3 + 323021.1	0039140101	233.34739	32.505863	2618.3018	6.5197030e–13	-	-	-	253.45
XMMXCS J153345.9 + 323555.2	0039140101	233.44146	32.598685	1029.3016	8.5936575e–08	-	-	-	113.29
XMMXCS J030159.2 – 000219.0	0041170101	45.496679	–0.038619669	53.405362	1.4391110e–14	-	-	-	29.10
XMMXCS J030145.6 + 000333.6	0041170101	45.440261	0.059341301	102.42464	1.5797800e–14	-	-	-	42.91
XMMXCS J095957.4 + 251631.3	0041170201	149.98926	25.275364	1798.9276	1.1867326e–13	-	-	-	-

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XCS Name	Obsid	RA	Dec	Counts	Flux	Literature Name	Match Distance	Literature Redshift	Sig
XMMXCS J100115.4 + 250612.7	0041170201	150.31452	25.103551	317.97156	2.5535198e−14	-	-	-	113.81
XMMXCS J100056.0 + 250648.4	0041170201	150.23350	25.113453	57.195137	2.2304574e−15	-	-	-	12.21

Table D.2: DR3 StatSam New Candidates. Column descriptions are given in Section 4.4. This table has been truncated to 200 candidates, the full version has 3825 candidates and is available online.

Appendix E

A description of the XCS database tables

Column name	Description
obsid	XMM pointing identifier
dateObs	Date and time of begining of exposure
dateEnd	Date and time of end of exposure
revolut	XMM revolution number
target	Name of observed object
observer	Name of PI observer
raTarget	RA of target (Deg)
decTarget	Dec of target (Deg)
raNom	RA of nominal boresight (Deg)
decNom	Dec of nominal boresight (Deg)
equinox	Equinox of sky co-ordinates
raPnt	Mean RA of pointing (Deg)
decPnt	Mean Dec of pointing (Deg)
paPnt	Mean position angle (Deg)
cdelt2	Pixel size (Deg)
nhval	Hydrogen column density
type	Pointing type
maskflag	Binary flag indicating existence of image mask

Table E.1: Column descriptions of the XCS Observation table.

Column name	Description
id	Index for table
name	IAU XCS name
obsid	XMM pointing identifier
ra	Right Ascension (Deg)
dec	Declination (Deg)
x	Image x position
y	Image y position
xerr	1σ error on x
yerr	1σ error on y
major	Object ellipse major axis
minor	Object ellipse minor axis
orient	Object ellipse orientation
theta	Offaxis angle (arcmin)
phi	Azimuthal angle (Deg)
sects	Soft band source counts
ctrate	Soft band count rate
ctrateerr	Soft band count rate error
flux	Soft band flux
sig	Source significance
ppoint	Probability of source being point-like
class	Source classification
psfsizeflag	Potential mis-classification flag
pntconflag	Potential contamination flag
run1conflag	Potential Run1 contamination flag
rinnermaj	Background annulus inner edge major axis
rinnermin	Background annulus inner edge minor axis
routermaj	Background annulus outer edge major axis
routermin	Background annulus outer edge minor axis
srcpix	Number of pixels used for source aperture
bkgpix	Number of pixels used for background aperture
avsrcexp	Average exposure across source
avbkgexp	Average exposure across background
bkgcts	Counts in background annulus
bkgctssrc	Background counts in source aperture
totcts	Total counts in source aperture
masterid	ID for master detection

Table E.2: Column descriptions of the XCS Detection table.

Column name	Description
id	Index for table
xcsname	IAU XCS name
detectionid	ID from Detection table
masterid	Master ID from Detection table
obsid	XMM pointing identifier
camera	EPIC camera
ident	Exposure identifier
sets	Individual exposure soft band source counts
ctrate	Individual exposure count-rate
flux	Individual exposure source flux
sig	Source significance
rinnermaj	Background annulus inner edge major axis
rinnermin	Background annulus inner edge minor axis
routermaj	Background annulus outer edge major axis
routermin	Background annulus outer edge minor axis
srcpix	Number of pixels used for source aperture
bkgpix	Number of pixels used for background aperture
avsrcexp	Average exposure across source
avbkgexp	Average exposure across background
bkgcts	Counts in background annulus
bkgctsrc	Background counts in source aperture
totcts	Total counts in source aperture

Table E.3: Column descriptions of the XCS IndivExpProp table.

Column name	Description
xcsname	IAU XCS name
obsid	XMM pointing identifier
ra	Right Ascension
dec	Declination
softcts	Soft band source counts
tmax	Maximum source exposure in soft band
softflux	Soft band source flux
hardcts	Hard band source counts
tmaxhard	Maximum source exposure in hard band
hardnessratio	Hardness ratio for source
softsig	Soft band source significance
hardsig	Hard band source significance
softppoint	Probability of source being point-like (soft band)
class	Source classification
masterdetectionid	Master ID in Detection table
masterpsfsizeflag	Master Detection PSF size warning
masterpntconflag	Master Detection point contamination
masterrun1conflag	Master Detection Run1 contamination
targetflag	Warning that source may be pointing target
clobflag	Warning that source is in a Cluster Pointing
snrobsflag	Warning that source is in a SNR Pointing

Table E.4: Column descriptions of the XCS Source table.

Appendix F

XCS Selection function plots

Following are the full set of plots demonstrating the XCS selection function, all the data is for clusters with $r_c = 160kpc$, $\beta = 2/3$, and $e = 0.0$, in a $\Omega_\Lambda = 0.7$, $\Omega_m = 0.3$ cosmology.

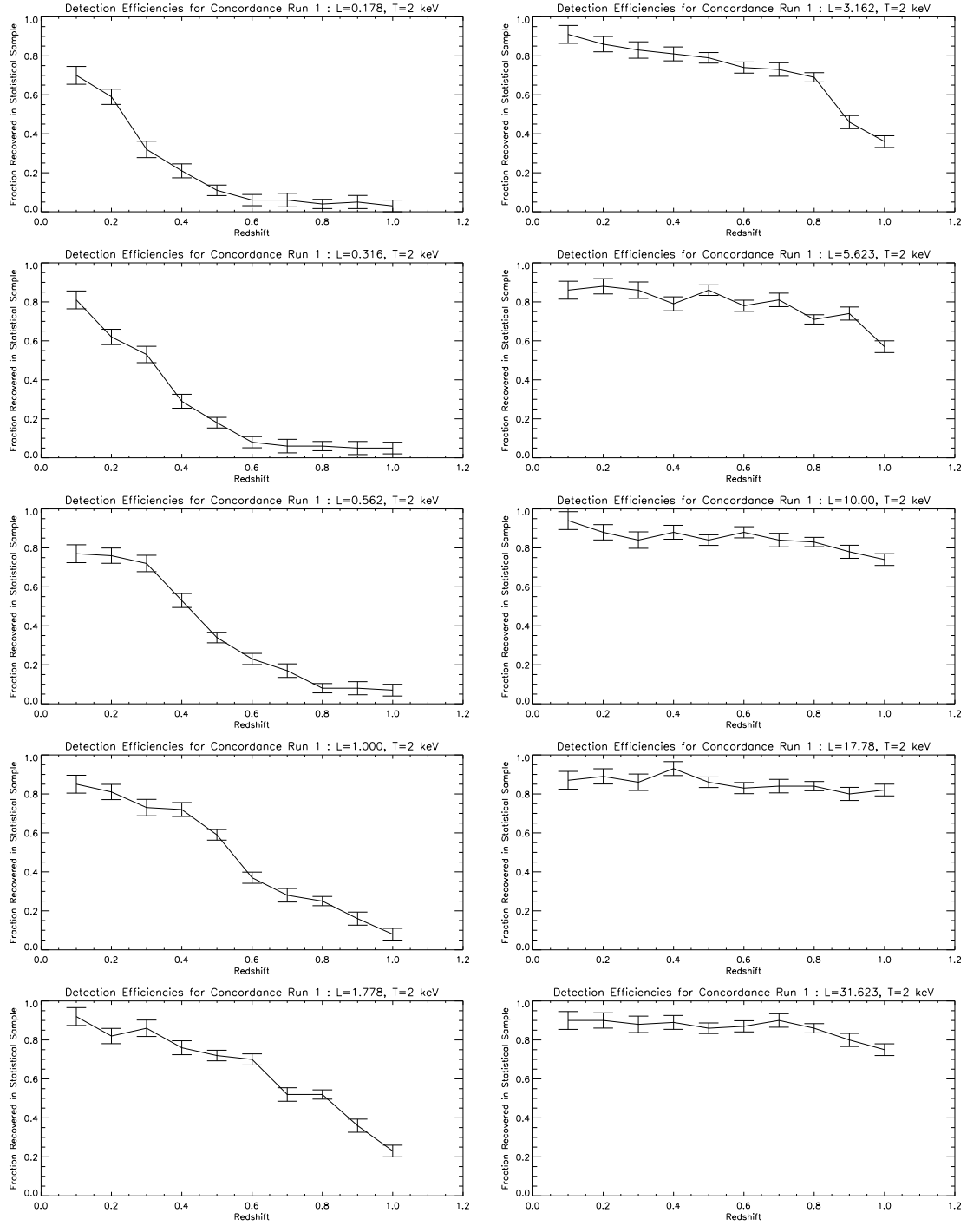


Figure F.1: XCS StatSam detection and classification efficiency for 2keV clusters.

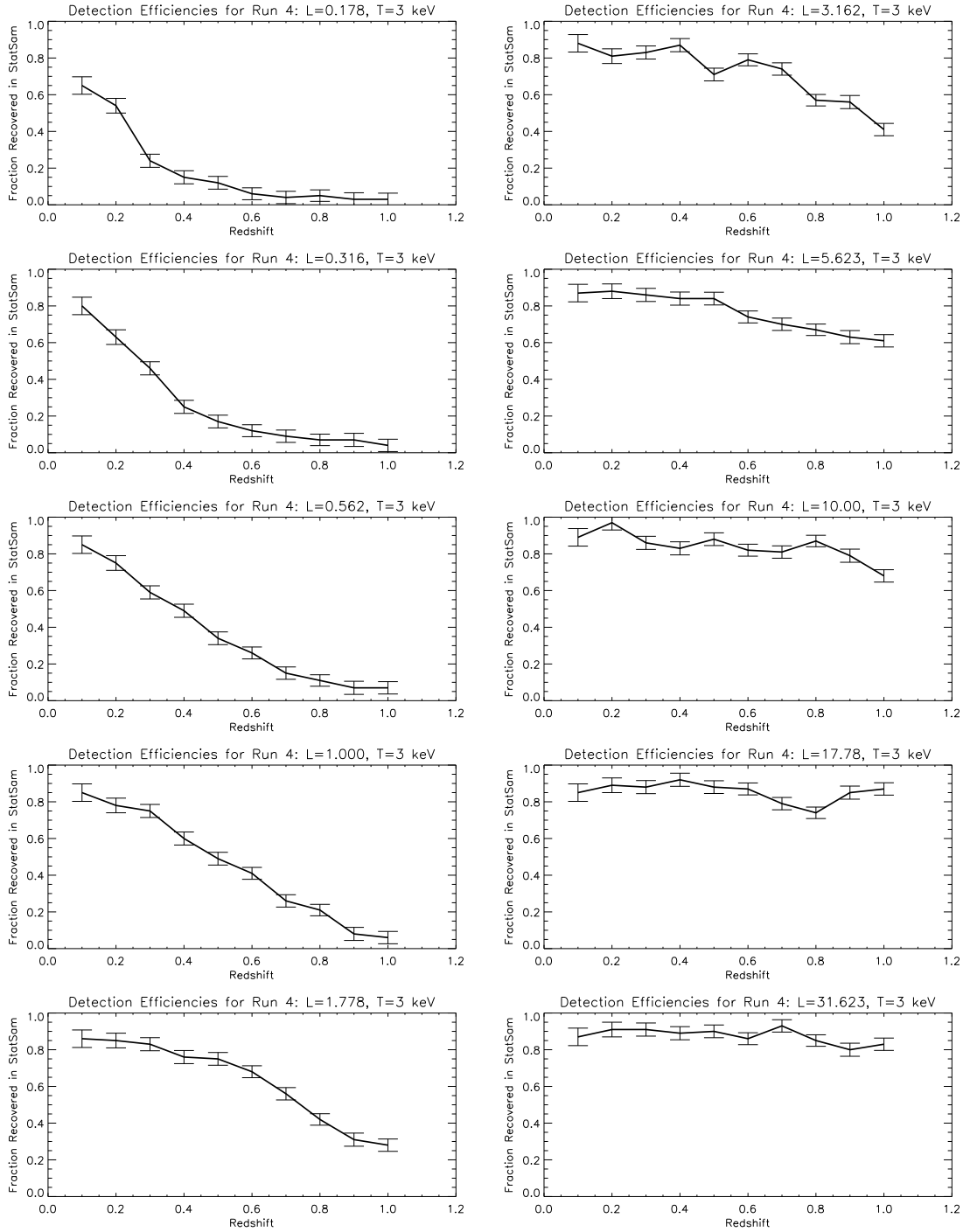


Figure F.2: XCS StatSam detection and classification efficiency for 3keV clusters.

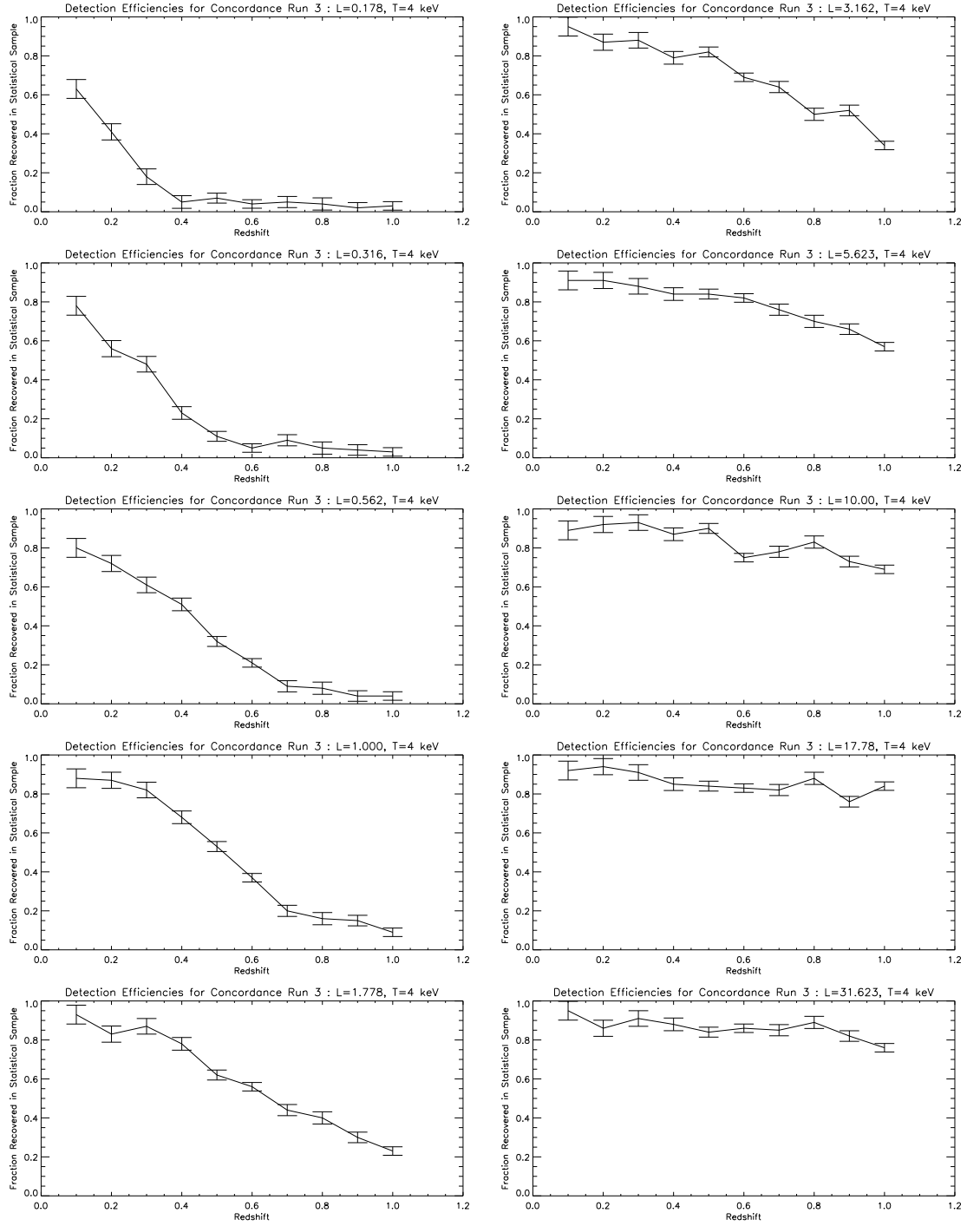


Figure F.3: XCS StatSam detection and classification efficiency for 4keV clusters.

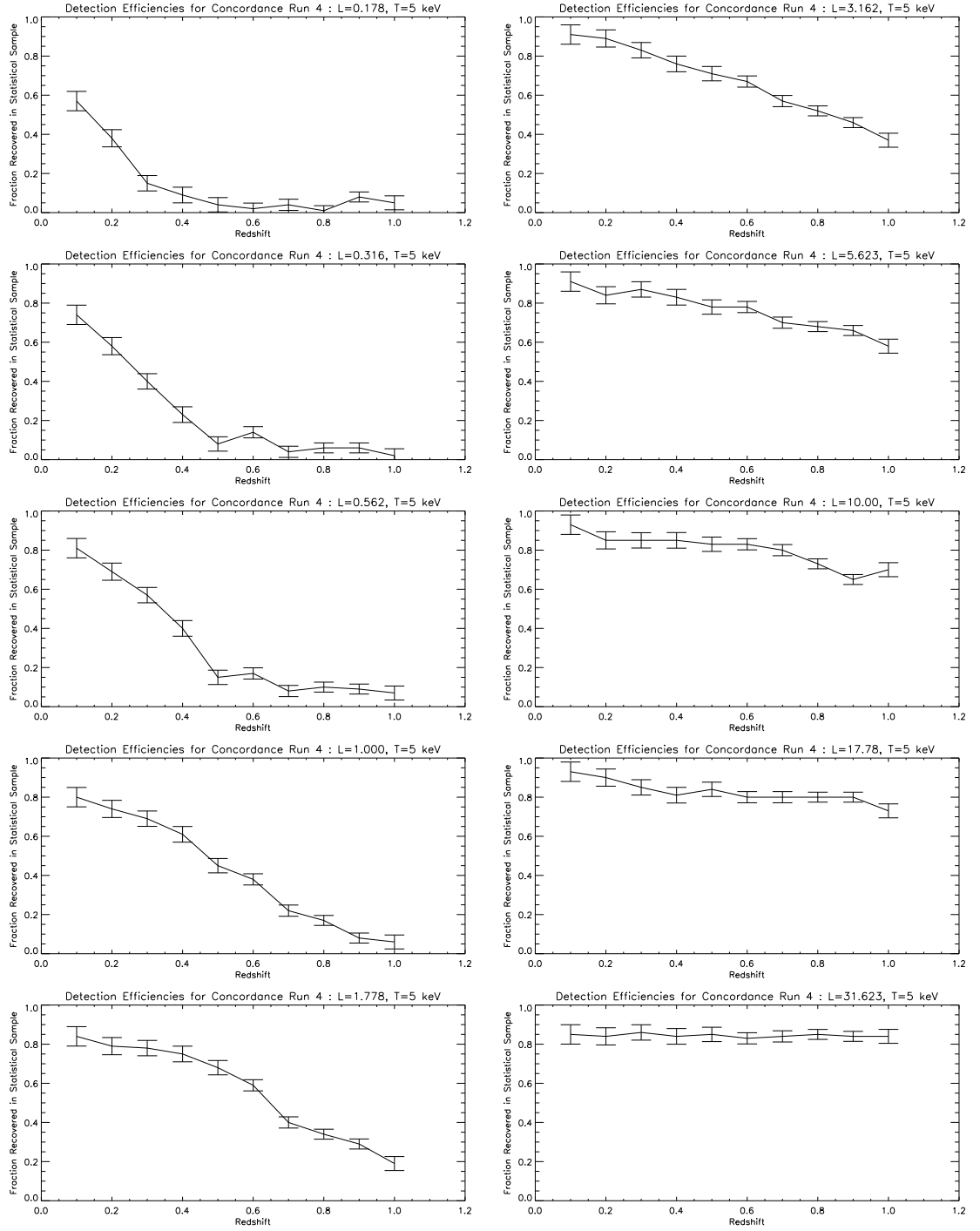


Figure F.4: XCS StatSam detection and classification efficiency for 5keV clusters.

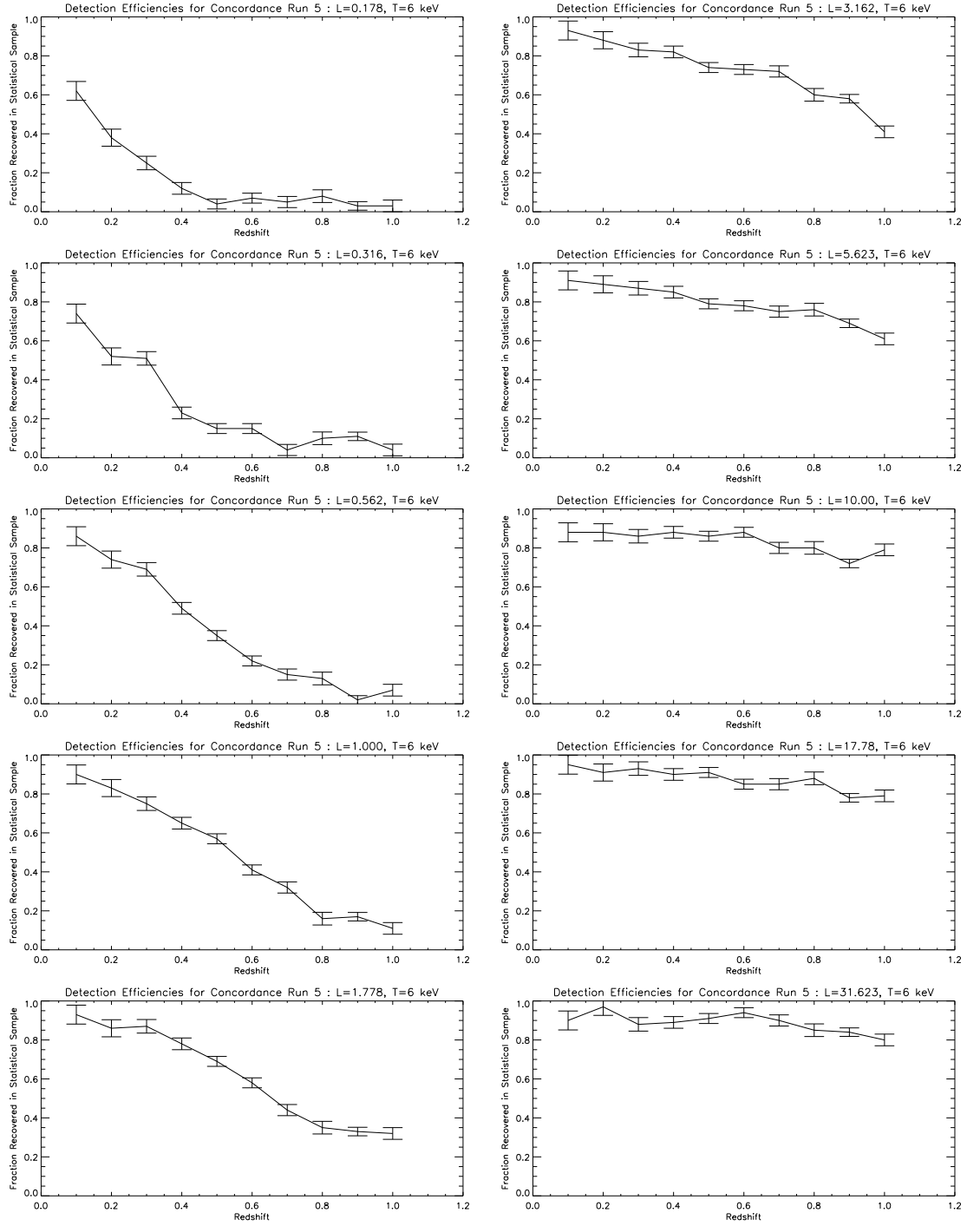


Figure F.5: XCS StatSam detection and classification efficiency for 6keV clusters.

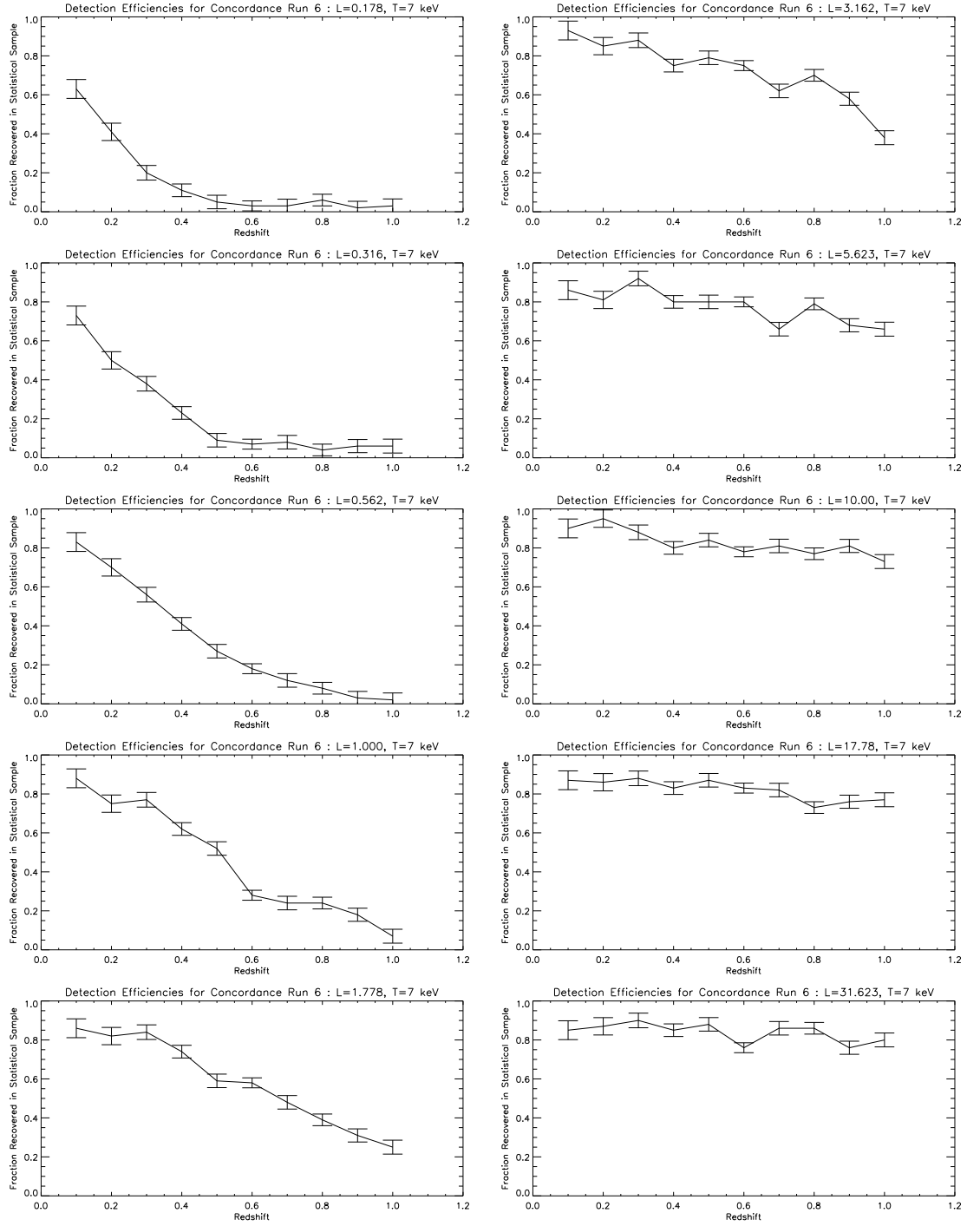


Figure F.6: XCS StatSam detection and classification efficiency for 7keV clusters.

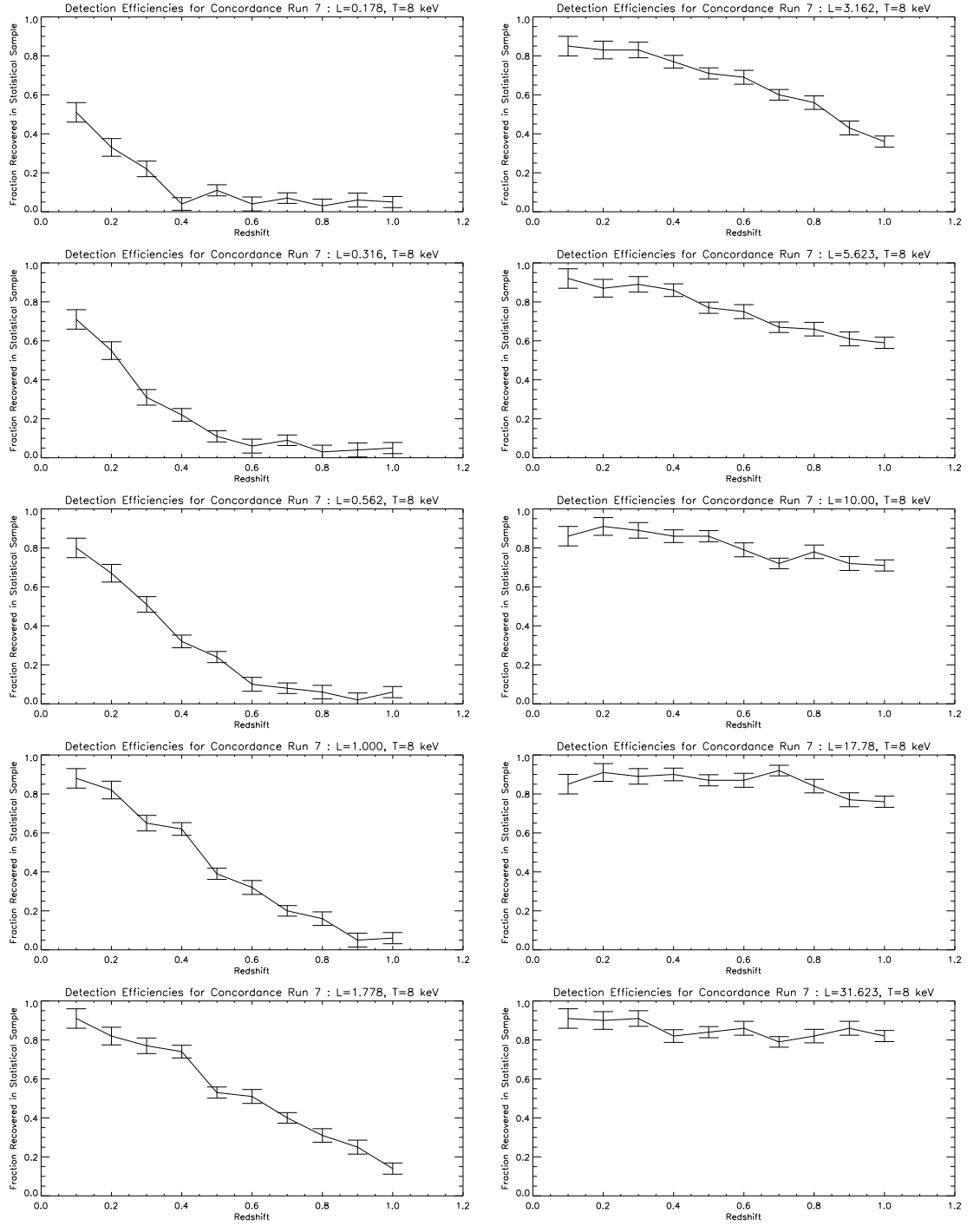


Figure F.7: XCS StatSam detection and classification efficiency for 8keV clusters.

Appendix G

A description of the XCS reduction of the XMM ODF's

The following text has been edited from that provided by E. Lloyd-Davies, who undertook the work described in this Appendix.

G.1 Data reduction

Each observation in the XMM-Newton public archive that contains EPIC camera data was used. The data was download from the XMM-Newton Science Archive (XSA) using the Archive InterOperability System (AIO) to automate the process.

G.1.1 Software versions

The data reduction pipeline was written using Python 2.5 but involved the use of several different software packages. Version 7.1.0 of the Science Analysis Software (SAS) was the main software package used in the data reduction but version 6.6.3 of HEASoft and version 4.0 of CIAO were also extensively used.

G.1.2 Reduction procedure

The reduction of the XMM-Newton data was carried out in a standard way using the SAS software package. Only events with patterns 0-4 were used for the EPIC-pn and 0-12 for the EPIC-mos.

G.1.3 Flare cleaning

To increase the signal-to-noise of the data, periods of high background (such as those resulting from enhanced solar activity) were removed. This was achieved by creating a lightcurve of the high energy (particle dominated) events (12-15 keV for the EPIC-pn and 10-12 keV for the EPIC-mos cameras). An iterative 3-sigma clipping procedure was then used to select the periods to remove. This involves calculating the mean and standard deviation of the lightcurve and then excluding bins more than 3-sigma from the mean. The mean and standard deviation are then recalculated and the choice of bins to exclude made using the new values. This procedure was repeated until a stable state was reached. On the initial pass the bins with values more than 25 percent greater than the mean are excluded. This is to handle cases where there is more bad (high background) data than there is good, as without this the algorithm would exclude the good data and keep the contaminated data. Starting from a position of excluding any data considerably greater than the mean makes this an unlikely outcome of the iteration procedure. Finally images and spectra can be produced using the good time intervals identified by this procedure.

G.1.4 Energy conversion factors

In order to be able to convert source counts in the images into fluxes, energy conversion factors need to be calculated. These are necessarily model dependent and are affected not only by the source and instrument properties but also by the galactic column in the field. Since in general the source properties are not known (without much more detailed spectroscopic study) a generic model has to be assumed. Since the vast majority of the sources detected by XCS are point source that are likely to have powerlaw spectra, the model used to calculate the conversion is a powerlaw with an index of 1.7, with a photoelectric absorption set to the galactic HI radio column for the field. ECFs were calculated for each camera exposure in each observation. The XSpec spectral fitting package was used with the aforementioned model and the on-axis spectral responses for the observation to calculate the conversion factors.

G.1.5 Image production

The images to be used for the source searching were produced for the cleaned event lists by binning spatial binning the events with a pixel size of 4.35 arcsec. Images were produced in two bands, soft (0.5-2.0 keV) and hard (2-10 keV). Exposure maps were also created for each image. EPIC-pn images were corrected for out of time events in the standard way (this correction was not used for the EPIC-mos images since their much lower readout rate results in the effect being negligible). The images and exposure maps for the individual cameras were merged to create single image and exposure map per observation. Due to the fact that the EPIC-mos cameras receive only about half the light that the EPIC-pn does in a second of exposure. In order to correct for this when merging the exposure maps, the maps for the EPIC-mos cameras were scaled using the ECFs to that of the EPIC-pn camera.

Appendix H

Tables of XCS cluster properties

XCS name	R.A. (J2000)	Dec (J2000)	Soft Counts	Redshift	Ngal
XMMXCS J000014.0-251057.3	0.058558	-25.182606	1264.520	0.140	35
XMMXCS J000018.8-245711.8	0.078654	-24.953297	46.650	0.690	1
XMMXCS J000047.1-251546.2	0.196368	-25.262848	56.424	0.180	15
XMMXCS J000103.5-250352.6	0.264907	-25.064621	470.416	0.910	15
XMMXCS J000626.3+195937.3	1.609940	19.993700	164.575	0.460	38
XMMXCS J000634.9+201722.3	1.645555	20.289532	251.639	0.860	19
XMMXCS J002935.4+345323.1	7.397867	34.889776	216.535	0.740	26
XMMXCS J002953.8+350505.8	7.474367	35.084960	128.684	0.450	32
XMMXCS J003407.3-432237.7	8.530773	-43.377148	214.181	0.400	12
XMMXCS J003412.4-433154.9	8.551851	-43.531933	115.382	0.610	6
XMMXCS J003414.9+852003.9	8.562299	85.334427	291.388	0.430	19
XMMXCS J003427.6-431855.8	8.615233	-43.315502	3550.930	0.410	50
XMMXCS J003439.3-120716.0	8.663751	-12.121112	487.336	0.440	50
XMMXCS J003503.2-432839.4	8.763538	-43.477636	40.823	0.110	1
XMMXCS J003513.5-431016.2	8.806275	-43.171169	160.382	0.150	6
XMMXCS J003547.2-430530.0	8.947032	-43.091675	66.306	0.370	3
XMMXCS J003548.2-432230.6	8.951163	-43.375168	884.349	0.550	46
XMMXCS J003551.3-431217.8	8.964063	-43.204964	479.606	0.390	19
XMMXCS J003603.7+851321.4	9.015593	85.222633	590.678	0.700	10
XMMXCS J003627.4-432835.6	9.114320	-43.476566	1172.100	0.410	50
XMMXCS J003646.4-432020.6	9.193531	-43.339073	601.299	0.250	37
XMMXCS J003832.0+853105.5	9.633369	85.518211	244.621	0.650	5
XMMXCS J004047.2+850536.2	10.196878	85.093399	58.778	0.490	2
XMMXCS J004128.7+852832.4	10.369600	85.475693	233.885	0.460	8
XMMXCS J004616.1+853116.7	11.567438	85.521309	1688.790	0.660	24
XMMXCS J004753.1+852716.9	11.971525	85.454704	584.735	0.310	11
XMMXCS J005126.0+852456.3	12.858494	85.415665	120.815	0.590	4
XMMXCS J011023.7+330543.4	17.598979	33.095399	372.837	0.600	38
XMMXCS J011138.6-453858.9	17.911226	-45.649704	846.144	0.390	50
XMMXCS J011244.0-454237.5	18.183615	-45.710442	69.387	0.680	4
XMMXCS J011624.2+325718.5	19.101153	32.955143	175.020	0.450	50
XMMXCS J011632.0+330324.6	19.133688	33.056855	408.671	0.630	50
XMMXCS J011954.7+141655.1	19.977931	14.281974	93.330	0.550	16
XMMXCS J014449.9-043231.5	26.208227	-4.542109	1053.650	0.170	15
XMMXCS J014506.3-043921.5	26.276590	-4.655992	180.585	0.720	5
XMMXCS J014523.2-042305.7	26.346951	-4.384943	149.491	0.660	8
XMMXCS J014525.9-044751.7	26.358292	-4.797698	120.700	0.100	9
XMMXCS J014547.5-042214.4	26.448021	-4.370684	145.881	0.490	4
XMMXCS J014557.3-043411.7	26.488785	-4.569923	41.913	0.100	0
XMMXCS J014603.4-044450.4	26.514175	-4.747359	80.081	0.680	8
XMMXCS J014801.3+055247.2	27.005644	5.879805	334.501	0.410	12
XMMXCS J014920.6+055518.5	27.336079	5.921812	131.210	0.460	8
XMMXCS J015653.6+284338.7	29.223354	28.727443	451.506	0.280	43
XMMXCS J015656.0+375913.2	29.233646	37.987026	96.187	0.100	0
XMMXCS J015719.5+375635.8	29.331545	37.943302	1343.200	0.240	50
XMMXCS J015731.0+380207.1	29.379307	38.035309	113.878	0.700	17
XMMXCS J015746.3+284918.1	29.442978	28.821697	62.756	0.400	20
XMMXCS J015754.8+375239.1	29.478340	37.877537	250.217	0.630	1
XMMXCS J015800.7+284256.6	29.503201	28.715744	91.267	0.840	2
XMMXCS J021939.3-032514.8	34.913826	-3.420789	45.817	0.500	12
XMMXCS J021951.2-033234.3	34.963505	-3.542864	101.813	0.170	5
XMMXCS J022045.1-032555.8	35.187920	-3.432190	557.249	0.300	35
XMMXCS J022145.3-034617.7	35.439041	-3.771597	1855.860	0.100	0
XMMXCS J022205.0-043240.6	35.521023	-4.544619	314.954	0.350	50
XMMXCS J022206.5-030311.2	35.527328	-3.053137	373.981	0.470	23
XMMXCS J022222.3-024837.8	35.593155	-2.810502	32.488	0.470	3
XMMXCS J022225.4-043735.8	35.605961	-4.626612	43.209	1.020	3
XMMXCS J022247.0-035148.6	35.696087	-3.863516	81.117	0.100	0
XMMXCS J022251.2-041642.5	35.713482	-4.278484	87.958	0.300	12
XMMXCS J022258.6-040639.0	35.744167	-4.110844	91.214	0.290	33
XMMXCS J022258.8-041609.5	35.745140	-4.269324	39.414	0.380	10
XMMXCS J022303.0-043620.6	35.762665	-4.605742	79.649	0.490	5
XMMXCS J022307.3-041307.3	35.780560	-4.218706	171.212	0.100	0
XMMXCS J022317.0-030718.5	35.821033	-3.121817	47.534	0.340	3
XMMXCS J022328.1-042150.5	35.867149	-4.364036	265.112	0.670	9
XMMXCS J022341.7-043032.0	35.923981	-4.508895	59.896	0.460	8
XMMXCS J022341.8-025405.1	35.924229	-2.901422	53.302	0.120	10
XMMXCS J022346.7-042435.3	35.944989	-4.409833	120.841	0.590	3
XMMXCS J022347.5-025133.5	35.948063	-2.859329	269.228	0.110	16
XMMXCS J022351.0-044910.1	35.962662	-4.819490	60.459	0.480	3
XMMXCS J022351.4-041842.5	35.964333	-4.311832	103.922	0.100	0
XMMXCS J022356.2-030557.1	35.984318	-3.099217	152.141	0.270	12
XMMXCS J022404.2-041327.9	36.017582	-4.224425	405.688	0.910	50
XMMXCS J022406.1-035502.7	36.025448	-3.917422	184.711	0.500	50
XMMXCS J022433.8-041433.1	36.141029	-4.242555	1989.460	0.260	50
XMMXCS J022434.4-041427.1	36.143620	-4.240875	340.109	0.250	50
XMMXCS J022500.0-040021.8	36.250122	-4.006071	72.375	0.100	15

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Table H.1 – Continued					
XCS name	R.A. (J2000)	Dec (J2000)	Soft Counts	Redshift	Ngal
XMMXCS J022508.9-040832.7	36.287441	-4.142435	87.792	0.380	7
XMMXCS J022509.6-041900.6	36.290016	-4.316840	226.987	0.100	12
XMMXCS J022510.2-040139.8	36.292763	-4.027745	151.400	0.190	25
XMMXCS J022529.1-040037.5	36.371342	-4.010441	230.381	0.840	2
XMMXCS J024249.6+372130.6	40.706852	37.358501	105.116	0.370	8
XMMXCS J024311.6+372331.3	40.798641	37.392052	44.566	0.520	29
XMMXCS J024403.9+372628.4	41.016441	37.441238	56.671	0.450	10
XMMXCS J024409.8+373128.8	41.041058	37.524681	818.672	0.660	34
XMMXCS J024426.3+371753.4	41.109715	37.298187	52.870	0.600	14
XMMXCS J024902.2-312010.6	42.259411	-31.336304	165.652	0.130	15
XMMXCS J025006.5-310400.2	42.527138	-31.066734	740.896	0.800	36
XMMXCS J030159.0-000221.0	45.495949	-0.039173	54.600	0.190	9
XMMXCS J030205.5-000002.4	45.523251	-0.000684	452.118	0.530	30
XMMXCS J030211.3-000133.5	45.547230	-0.025999	193.837	0.550	11
XMMXCS J030212.0+000600.6	45.550259	0.100193	88.238	1.040	3
XMMXCS J030212.0+001119.3	45.550388	0.188709	186.390	0.550	31
XMMXCS J030237.0-000506.4	45.654472	-0.085129	213.173	0.130	14
XMMXCS J030248.6+002131.5	45.702866	0.358768	628.134	0.410	4
XMMXCS J030253.9-000606.6	45.724693	-0.101858	59.510	0.560	7
XMMXCS J030317.4+001239.7	45.822582	0.211037	138.309	0.520	36
XMMXCS J030534.3-000514.4	46.393321	-0.087348	94.524	0.870	1
XMMXCS J030542.3-001457.6	46.426316	-0.249355	89.472	0.650	1
XMMXCS J030614.6-000537.0	46.561031	-0.093636	1297.670	0.440	15
XMMXCS J030617.3-000837.7	46.572441	-0.143828	2686.600	0.130	41
XMMXCS J030625.3+001306.1	46.605831	0.218380	236.782	0.590	6
XMMXCS J030707.1-001600.9	46.779909	-0.266935	77.423	0.100	0
XMMXCS J035317.9-000535.6	58.324852	-0.093232	74.610	0.480	3
XMMXCS J035415.8-001006.0	58.566212	-0.168347	437.403	0.200	18
XMMXCS J035726.1+011807.8	59.358776	1.302173	1244.480	0.130	50
XMMXCS J035744.5+010137.0	59.435566	1.026969	897.978	0.280	50
XMMXCS J041938.0+142116.4	64.908745	14.354565	53.912	0.590	3
XMMXCS J041944.9+143905.9	64.937363	14.651662	300.172	0.350	14
XMMXCS J041945.6+021319.0	64.940331	2.221969	281.903	0.100	1
XMMXCS J042029.2+022645.3	65.121780	2.445937	87.364	0.330	5
XMMXCS J045438.5-531907.9	73.660744	-53.318878	65.115	0.460	4
XMMXCS J045459.9-532945.4	73.749863	-53.495964	50.740	0.600	4
XMMXCS J045506.0-532342.5	73.775154	-53.395149	803.746	0.390	45
XMMXCS J051326.3+792919.5	78.359779	79.488777	43.284	0.820	5
XMMXCS J051510.9+010609.6	78.795685	1.102675	53.101	0.110	3
XMMXCS J051528.4+793425.4	78.868675	79.573746	312.687	0.410	26
XMMXCS J051549.8+794000.9	78.957771	79.666924	302.882	0.610	13
XMMXCS J051554.0+010413.9	78.975327	1.070535	53.568	0.120	7
XMMXCS J051609.9+010946.3	79.041267	1.162873	156.729	0.240	16
XMMXCS J063945.9+821849.6	99.941635	82.313782	1149.960	0.410	50
XMMXCS J064023.4+822858.3	100.097542	82.482864	153.628	0.790	25
XMMXCS J064246.4+822837.5	100.693398	82.477104	122.887	0.700	5
XMMXCS J064424.1+822634.0	101.100609	82.442780	289.835	0.840	5
XMMXCS J065046.2+742838.1	102.692551	74.477264	190.866	0.540	5
XMMXCS J075427.9+220952.1	118.616287	22.164482	275.158	0.370	50
XMMXCS J075433.7+214839.3	118.640450	21.810928	42.720	0.770	2
XMMXCS J075457.7+221313.2	118.740593	22.220335	44.945	0.670	21
XMMXCS J075534.3+220240.2	118.893143	22.044514	53.201	0.150	7
XMMXCS J075602.0+215849.5	119.008553	21.980444	75.223	0.400	2
XMMXCS J080532.0+152136.9	121.383568	15.360264	86.674	0.610	6
XMMXCS J080613.2+152243.8	121.555397	15.378855	153.567	0.300	9
XMMXCS J080633.4+153224.5	121.639389	15.540142	82.966	0.180	19
XMMXCS J080713.6+152658.8	121.807022	15.449694	722.051	0.110	14
XMMXCS J083025.8+524129.1	127.607658	52.691433	3886.600	0.780	45
XMMXCS J083054.3+524538.9	127.726547	52.760807	63.108	0.660	3
XMMXCS J083115.4+523453.8	127.814339	52.581615	263.184	0.520	38
XMMXCS J083147.8+525036.1	127.949257	52.843365	668.885	0.460	50
XMMXCS J083154.4+523217.7	127.976768	52.538277	179.977	0.370	8
XMMXCS J083213.6+524830.2	128.056839	52.808395	360.823	0.490	9
XMMXCS J083215.3+525808.9	128.063828	52.969158	104.674	0.730	3
XMMXCS J083216.6+523201.8	128.069275	52.533855	110.117	0.360	16
XMMXCS J083856.2+253806.7	129.734406	25.635206	57.246	0.900	16
XMMXCS J083901.2+705003.7	129.755249	70.834366	110.209	0.450	18
XMMXCS J083913.9+704803.1	129.808243	70.800880	129.715	0.470	10
XMMXCS J091821.8+211447.5	139.590973	21.246546	345.749	0.690	14
XMMXCS J092544.7+305430.7	141.436560	30.908543	112.484	0.400	11
XMMXCS J092545.6+305857.2	141.440400	30.982583	1101.520	0.520	50
XMMXCS J092555.3+304944.2	141.480440	30.828957	108.894	0.480	22
XMMXCS J092641.3+310309.5	141.672450	31.052644	145.989	0.670	20
XMMXCS J092650.5+310128.8	141.710800	31.024669	481.382	0.490	38
XMMXCS J092655.0+305007.5	141.729380	30.835443	86.314	0.150	4
XMMXCS J092703.2+310037.9	141.763520	31.010551	141.151	0.480	18
XMMXCS J092726.0+310306.6	141.858520	31.051858	175.255	0.960	2
XMMXCS J092735.8+305339.7	141.899220	30.894361	66.844	0.540	4
XMMXCS J093259.4+551545.0	143.247894	55.262505	380.345	0.520	3
XMMXCS J093350.2+552620.1	143.459259	55.438927	187.277	0.490	40
XMMXCS J093358.2+550946.1	143.492538	55.162830	52.454	0.180	9
XMMXCS J093423.1+551743.5	143.596283	55.295433	130.094	0.620	1
XMMXCS J093438.5+551335.7	143.660675	55.226585	172.692	0.810	20
XMMXCS J093532.8+552142.6	143.887054	55.361851	80.043	0.390	3
XMMXCS J095105.8+391741.3	147.774429	39.294827	113.257	0.440	17
XMMXCS J095127.7+392009.1	147.865601	39.335869	48.611	0.440	4
XMMXCS J095957.8+251630.4	149.990982	25.275124	1740.810	1.070	2
XMMXCS J100031.5+251714.3	150.131592	25.287312	119.786	0.650	11
XMMXCS J100104.2+252625.0	150.267670	25.440285	156.436	0.530	14
XMMXCS J100115.3+250612.4	150.314117	25.103470	353.618	0.670	35
XMMXCS J100124.2+250653.9	150.351166	25.114977	50.458	0.490	9
XMMXCS J104348.0-012408.2	160.950104	-1.402283	82.808	0.410	3
XMMXCS J104407.2-012722.2	161.030029	-1.456194	86.810	0.180	4
XMMXCS J104448.6-011155.7	161.202805	-1.198813	113.625	0.510	4
XMMXCS J104507.9-013617.7	161.283325	-1.604921	93.622	0.100	4
XMMXCS J113055.0+311332.7	172.729385	31.225756	195.889	0.810	13
XMMXCS J122114.6+280234.2	185.311111	28.042847	243.077	0.270	1
XMMXCS J122118.7+275732.3	185.327957	27.958979	402.026	0.740	19
XMMXCS J122124.3+275410.3	185.351471	27.902882	170.297	0.540	31
XMMXCS J130424.4-102932.0	196.102036	-10.492246	109.054	1.000	6
XMMXCS J130456.5-101012.4	196.235718	-10.170132	86.367	0.640	17
XMMXCS J130505.8-101645.5	196.274506	-10.279314	136.651	0.330	20
XMMXCS J130514.7-102311.5	196.311279	-10.386551	385.894	0.130	2
XMMXCS J130549.2-102717.5	196.455093	-10.454864	47.346	0.280	9
XMMXCS J130650.1-233129.4	196.708878	-23.524857	306.803	0.210	50
XMMXCS J131455.1-163838.3	198.729980	-16.643982	489.975	0.610	14
XMMXCS J131507.4-163206.9	198.780975	-16.535254	707.865	0.110	4
XMMXCS J131524.8-163227.9	198.853745	-16.541088	533.012	0.490	10
XMMXCS J131825.4-145030.3	199.605835	-14.841766	165.457	0.800	2
XMMXCS J131844.6-150133.9	199.686157	-15.026097	208.355	0.300	9
XMMXCS J131937.2-145444.5	199.905212	-14.912371	250.930	0.190	15
XMMXCS J131950.1-144957.5	199.958817	-14.832642	234.516	0.340	17
XMMXCS J133511.6-232919.0	203.798580	-23.488623	704.471	0.100	20
XMMXCS J140408.4-341135.3	211.035385	-34.193146	77.918	0.900	1

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XCS name	R.A. (J2000)	Dec (J2000)	Soft Counts	Redshift	Ngal	
XMMXCS J140436.9-334921.2	211.153778	-33.822563	174.229	0.160	8	
XMMXCS J140439.3-341235.3	211.164139	-34.209827	471.146	0.840	22	
XMMXCS J150543.3+013639.9	226.430832	1.611093	77.038	0.630	15	
XMMXCS J150654.7+014405.4	226.728302	1.734854	190.307	0.630	28	
XMMXCS J151313.9-083308.4	232.891647	-8.552355	74.459	0.170	8	
XMMXCS J153226.0-084020.6	233.108414	-8.672410	59.639	0.130	5	
XMMXCS J155624.5-234255.2	239.102386	-23.715359	235.090	0.560	9	
XMMXCS J155628.5-235138.7	239.119034	-23.860764	284.576	0.960	13	
XMMXCS J200758.9-110251.6	301.995514	-11.047685	285.332	0.110	16	
XMMXCS J201338.0-415347.8	303.408722	-41.896633	104.658	0.630	5	
XMMXCS J201354.3-243341.7	303.476470	-24.561587	132.714	0.720	5	
XMMXCS J204130.5-351653.8	310.377360	-35.281627	2062.290	0.510	33	
XMMXCS J204134.7-350900.7	310.394650	-35.150218	3266.030	0.670	50	
XMMXCS J204252.7-350946.2	310.719670	-35.162844	254.734	0.990	2	
XMMXCS J204301.4-351856.9	310.755930	-35.315830	144.294	0.360	4	
XMMXCS J205405.6-154728.5	313.523682	-15.791275	221.991	0.270	38	
XMMXCS J205505.0-155309.5	313.770935	-15.885974	91.897	0.720	6	
XMMXCS J210054.8+104518.1	315.228560	10.755046	139.846	0.160	10	
XMMXCS J210101.6+104004.7	315.256970	10.667993	84.011	0.510	4	
XMMXCS J210109.1+103847.1	315.288130	10.646439	70.248	0.410	7	
XMMXCS J212802.0-444959.0	322.008728	-44.833080	144.888	0.390	20	
XMMXCS J212807.2-445409.7	322.030243	-44.902695	264.253	0.500	16	
XMMXCS J212858.6-153422.6	322.244507	-15.572965	295.882	0.650	35	
XMMXCS J215121.8-272336.3	327.840973	-27.393440	135.966	0.250	10	
XMMXCS J215211.2-274347.9	328.046906	-27.729984	119.222	0.420	25	
XMMXCS J215220.9-272525.3	328.087433	-27.423706	45.349	0.980	2	
XMMXCS J215221.0-273025.5	328.087585	-27.507092	215.998	0.770	14	
XMMXCS J215734.2-695256.8	329.392731	-69.882469	131.600	0.520	12	
XMMXCS J215906.9-694342.1	329.778931	-69.728386	102.701	0.280	7	
XMMXCS J215933.4-693743.3	329.889374	-69.628700	133.283	1.010	3	
XMMXCS J220550.0-015930.4	331.458588	-1.991795	79.872	0.600	4	
XMMXCS J220559.3-015815.7	331.497131	-1.971032	68.170	0.570	10	
XMMXCS J221447.3-175248.3	333.697266	-17.880089	501.048	0.340	18	
XMMXCS J221459.6-175036.8	333.748535	-17.843578	231.552	0.470	2	
XMMXCS J221537.3-172903.3	333.905487	-17.484255	67.461	0.350	2	
XMMXCS J221548.4-173827.4	333.951813	-17.640953	33.817	0.440	6	
XMMXCS J221555.9-175149.8	333.983185	-17.863853	106.661	0.140	9	
XMMXCS J221559.4-173815.5	333.997589	-17.637657	443.712	0.420	23	
XMMXCS J221605.1-175418.3	334.021332	-17.905100	160.777	0.280	6	
XMMXCS J221613.6-173519.9	334.056824	-17.588863	246.973	1.030	2	
XMMXCS J222736.8-052113.6	336.903656	-5.353783	151.782	0.550	10	
XMMXCS J222759.3-052858.7	336.997467	-5.482976	196.150	0.520	18	
XMMXCS J222818.4-053405.3	337.076721	-5.568149	279.243	0.450	7	
XMMXCS J222818.8-050746.8	337.078400	-5.129668	351.375	0.130	2	
XMMXCS J222820.6-051329.1	337.086121	-5.224759	139.107	0.640	2	
XMMXCS J222833.2-052826.2	337.138733	-5.473969	333.731	0.210	8	
XMMXCS J222856.9-053053.5	337.237305	-5.514864	237.397	0.100	10	
XMMXCS J223447.3-260459.4	338.697144	-26.083181	68.388	0.270	6	
XMMXCS J223520.3-255742.2	338.834808	-25.961729	142.148	0.990	2	
XMMXCS J223555.0-255554.3	338.979462	-25.931772	66.622	0.310	4	
XMMXCS J223557.3-254928.4	338.989075	-25.824583	57.013	0.630	5	
XMMXCS J223814.7-204710.6	339.561584	-20.786285	82.041	0.780	6	
XMMXCS J223852.1-202610.3	339.717224	-20.436209	324.598	0.350	34	
XMMXCS J223925.9+032144.0	339.858032	3.362236	49.005	0.790	1	
XMMXCS J224113.3+032833.0	340.305634	3.475834	409.158	0.190	15	
XMMXCS J232124.6+194515.9	350.352844	19.754438	4335.900	0.400	50	
XMMXCS J232152.7+195333.2	350.469757	19.892576	456.425	0.300	30	
XMMXCS J232155.9+193802.4	350.482971	19.634026	144.953	0.420	10	
XMMXCS J232221.3+193855.8	350.589081	19.648857	660.383	0.230	33	
XMMXCS J232227.7+195948.2	350.615479	19.996746	35.848	0.100	0	
XMMXCS J233949.7-121307.1	354.957428	-12.218653	330.287	0.490	8	
XMMXCS J233950.6-120641.8	354.961151	-12.111625	55.422	0.520	4	
XMMXCS J235708.5-241453.7	359.285797	-24.248260	370.905	0.510	50	

Table H.1: XCS DR1 and DR2 redshifts produced using NXS

XCS name	R.A. (J2000)	Dec (J2000)	Soft Counts	Redshift	Ngal	
XMMXCS J001639.6-010205.3	4.165087	-1.034814	649.772	0.170	18	
XMMXCS J001737.3-005235.4	4.405744	-0.876519	16715.614	0.200	50	
XMMXCS J002314.2+001202.0	5.809201	0.200577	350.682	0.320	8	
XMMXCS J004119.5+252617.7	10.331591	25.438252	1410.006	0.160	50	
XMMXCS J004156.2+253146.0	10.484416	25.529459	494.076	0.150	14	
XMMXCS J004252.7+004301.4	10.719820	0.717058	383.325	0.290	31	
XMMXCS J004333.8+010108.9	10.891174	1.019164	574.477	0.140	19	
XMMXCS J004350.0+004720.3	10.958621	0.788977	322.688	0.460	25	
XMMXCS J005614.3-011451.7	14.059875	-1.247713	38673.365	0.100	35	
XMMXCS J005623.1-010806.0	14.096478	-1.135001	1382.514	0.100	22	
XMMXCS J005656.4-011221.2	14.235170	-1.205889	364.385	0.290	11	
XMMXCS J005656.5-274031.7	14.235769	-27.675484	339.385	0.170	7	
XMMXCS J005730.5-272331.8	14.377097	-27.392188	306.063	0.170	12	
XMMXCS J010531.1+004300.7	16.379761	0.716872	1496.276	0.210	9	
XMMXCS J010720.5+141615.9	16.835566	14.271108	7101.062	0.100	29	
XMMXCS J011632.1+330325.0	19.133912	33.056950	419.339	0.640	7	
XMMXCS J012059.3+141603.8	20.247299	14.267730	1732.432	0.210	46	
XMMXCS J012103.0+142428.5	20.262710	14.407918	1291.993	0.100	8	
XMMXCS J012459.7+320148.1	21.249024	32.030045	408.868	0.340	16	
XMMXCS J012526.2+321452.9	21.359398	32.248055	1404.063	0.280	40	
XMMXCS J013915.5+062542.9	24.814901	6.428591	2277.453	0.100	11	
XMMXCS J014007.6+062322.6	25.031825	6.389614	1338.597	0.260	8	
XMMXCS J014044.0+062154.9	25.183375	6.365274	559.513	0.370	10	
XMMXCS J015444.8+003109.3	28.686848	0.519268	493.833	0.120	11	
XMMXCS J015448.8+002232.6	28.703670	0.375734	1049.041	0.160	50	
XMMXCS J015451.6+003446.5	28.715166	0.579605	670.818	0.120	12	
XMMXCS J015522.9+003818.5	28.845623	0.638487	704.819	0.100	24	
XMMXCS J015617.4+003506.4	29.072891	0.585124	944.541	0.110	34	
XMMXCS J020056.5-092123.3	30.235776	-9.356496	392.504	0.320	7	
XMMXCS J020341.8-074705.4	30.924181	-7.784840	983.716	0.390	24	
XMMXCS J021012.9-001451.6	32.554122	-0.247681	311.217	0.220	14	
XMMXCS J021339.5-004419.9	33.414619	-0.738870	515.157	0.350	18	
XMMXCS J021402.3-005645.3	33.509666	-0.945938	360.454	0.300	40	
XMMXCS J021505.1-003445.3	33.771645	-0.579273	635.054	0.100	13	
XMMXCS J021527.4-004711.2	33.864194	-0.786448	830.287	0.590	14	
XMMXCS J023152.1-072907.5	37.967342	-7.485422	936.376	0.200	27	
XMMXCS J030433.9-005406.8	46.141581	-0.901903	976.856	0.520	7	
XMMXCS J030617.6-000830.1	46.573584	-0.141706	3083.093	0.110	40	
XMMXCS J030634.1-000422.2	46.642350	-0.072844	507.993	0.100	13	
XMMXCS J030720.5-002352.9	46.835685	-0.398028	301.245	0.340	5	
XMMXCS J033556.1+003214.3	53.984125	0.537317	752.218	0.310	33	
XMMXCS J033557.5+003259.5	53.989603	0.549884	580.535	0.190	50	
XMMXCS J033640.4+003159.0	54.168553	0.533070	1068.758	0.100	9	

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XCS name	R.A. (J2000)	Dec (J2000)	Soft Counts	Redshift	Ngal
XMMXCS J033700.8+003421.6	54.253541	0.572687	372.359	0.360	7
XMMXCS J033701.2+003521.9	54.255315	0.589444	895.404	0.100	6
XMMXCS J033756.7+002900.1	54.486313	0.483371	370.740	0.270	16
XMMXCS J035415.7-001005.5	58.565808	-0.168195	499.164	0.170	36
XMMXCS J035744.5+010136.2	59.435600	1.026735	759.732	0.290	24
XMMXCS J044758.0-061537.1	71.991868	-6.260306	439.567	0.470	8
XMMXCS J044813.7-063444.7	72.057300	-6.579086	1642.936	0.330	8
XMMXCS J051544.8-001034.8	78.937081	-0.176336	326.015	0.510	5
XMMXCS J071853.2+6611106.1	109.721740	66.185040	577.258	0.340	13
XMMXCS J073605.8+433909.6	114.024500	43.652687	2009.414	0.430	25
XMMXCS J074134.3+305922.2	115.392920	30.989513	7430.255	0.260	44
XMMXCS J074207.4+312104.2	115.531060	31.351187	420.777	0.330	6
XMMXCS J074213.0+310857.7	115.554180	31.149371	61300.175	0.220	50
XMMXCS J075722.6+392011.8	119.344270	39.336636	1273.978	0.100	50
XMMXCS J075839.1+351942.0	119.662940	35.328344	667.307	0.120	13
XMMXCS J080713.7+152700.7	121.807140	15.450218	606.487	0.100	14
XMMXCS J080953.8+280455.9	122.474360	28.082206	446.543	0.410	13
XMMXCS J081020.6+482052.8	122.585860	48.348021	1691.434	0.480	19
XMMXCS J081058.1+500530.1	122.724230	50.091713	454.958	0.370	24
XMMXCS J082412.9+300438.0	126.054130	30.077241	564.401	0.320	25
XMMXCS J082857.3+495545.4	127.239110	49.929300	2303.302	0.140	16
XMMXCS J082927.4+495438.5	127.364510	49.910705	971.597	0.100	7
XMMXCS J083021.2+524823.2	127.588400	52.806467	2815.910	0.130	19
XMMXCS J083021.9+501646.0	127.591590	50.279444	3172.236	0.140	16
XMMXCS J083025.5+524128.2	127.606350	52.691171	3593.663	0.490	6
XMMXCS J083027.4+500015.5	127.614290	50.004316	40254.573	0.120	50
XMMXCS J083029.8+523654.4	127.624320	52.615124	638.158	0.100	9
XMMXCS J083127.8+523212.9	127.865950	52.536920	3057.691	0.100	18
XMMXCS J083147.7+525043.8	127.948800	52.845523	929.058	0.500	9
XMMXCS J083227.4+523430.3	128.114280	52.575091	587.597	0.130	5
XMMXCS J083301.2+524344.5	128.255520	52.729044	1926.333	0.140	6
XMMXCS J083454.9+553420.7	128.728830	55.572419	5851.001	0.280	38
XMMXCS J083724.3+553251.0	129.351280	55.547510	308.969	0.280	29
XMMXCS J083811.1+250549.1	129.546360	25.096996	411.959	0.360	9
XMMXCS J084044.2+383049.3	130.184570	38.513718	449.049	0.150	16
XMMXCS J084052.5+383845.4	130.219140	38.645969	340.185	0.110	8
XMMXCS J084105.4+383157.8	130.272520	38.532724	331.877	0.170	25
XMMXCS J084124.5+004638.6	130.352150	0.777400	602.754	0.410	8
XMMXCS J084140.4+544319.5	130.418740	54.722101	609.497	0.380	6
XMMXCS J084244.3+544342.1	130.684730	54.728364	1617.863	0.270	34
XMMXCS J084311.3+544909.9	130.797320	54.819427	921.118	0.180	18
XMMXCS J084346.9+495855.8	130.945500	49.982178	7011.876	0.420	50
XMMXCS J084439.2+502207.4	131.163720	50.368737	1003.504	0.310	23
XMMXCS J084452.0+500539.6	131.217060	50.094341	48842.069	0.100	50
XMMXCS J084500.8+501911.9	131.253720	50.319979	3358.819	0.250	16
XMMXCS J084637.5+185456.8	131.656500	18.915793	414.065	0.530	10
XMMXCS J084640.9+184933.4	131.670640	18.825962	3322.780	0.230	17
XMMXCS J084848.2+445606.1	132.200940	44.935043	903.376	0.490	19
XMMXCS J084957.5+445932.7	132.489770	44.992421	410.864	0.520	10
XMMXCS J085307.8+180340.1	133.282600	18.061149	824.077	0.330	20
XMMXCS J085331.9+150135.8	133.383280	15.026617	633.336	0.380	22
XMMXCS J085337.7+180128.8	133.407490	18.024680	1888.148	0.170	28
XMMXCS J085604.5+585705.8	134.019080	58.951614	870.577	0.160	8
XMMXCS J085758.0+170414.7	134.492000	17.070753	464.435	0.290	30
XMMXCS J085822.5+165723.3	134.594030	16.956499	935.575	0.380	42
XMMXCS J090100.9+600607.9	135.254040	60.102202	2198.493	0.240	37
XMMXCS J090541.9+005846.1	136.424760	0.979497	2977.034	0.240	43
XMMXCS J090635.8+010938.5	136.649560	1.160700	3093.314	0.720	5
XMMXCS J090715.0+005030.0	136.812900	0.841687	6156.910	0.320	35
XMMXCS J091146.2+525511.5	137.942820	52.919875	1976.521	0.190	9
XMMXCS J091200.2+525128.6	138.001030	52.857972	945.194	0.260	8
XMMXCS J091341.0+531024.0	138.421080	53.173346	1028.069	0.110	5
XMMXCS J091413.3+530853.4	138.555780	53.148191	365.170	0.160	6
XMMXCS J091421.8+525304.5	138.591190	52.884590	45584.045	0.150	50
XMMXCS J091426.1+530707.3	138.609080	53.118717	2091.767	0.150	20
XMMXCS J092018.6+370621.2	140.077830	37.105905	29281.233	0.210	45
XMMXCS J092325.4+225648.0	140.856000	22.946674	903.386	0.170	23
XMMXCS J092335.8+225303.8	140.899570	22.884415	577.012	0.180	19
XMMXCS J092540.1+362709.3	141.417250	36.452610	3263.760	0.140	50
XMMXCS J092545.7+305857.5	141.440740	30.982652	991.578	0.530	19
XMMXCS J092650.6+310128.3	141.710980	31.024554	426.955	0.490	13
XMMXCS J093709.5+611612.0	144.289980	61.270025	482.181	0.200	19
XMMXCS J093846.5+414158.7	144.694100	41.699660	402.486	0.100	5
XMMXCS J094034.9+355950.3	145.145700	35.997318	517.782	0.320	9
XMMXCS J094055.4+032309.0	145.231170	3.385858	6493.403	0.450	24
XMMXCS J095341.4+014157.7	148.422860	1.699376	6047.482	0.110	17
XMMXCS J095343.6+694734.2	148.431740	69.792855	2324.977	0.200	33
XMMXCS J095418.1+012257.4	148.575580	1.382633	1495.768	0.430	6
XMMXCS J095437.0+013039.2	148.654170	1.510897	4841.748	0.400	50
XMMXCS J095737.1+023424.8	149.404960	2.573560	3132.723	0.310	36
XMMXCS J095823.4+024853.1	149.597760	2.814756	1321.280	0.310	26
XMMXCS J095851.2+014100.0	149.713590	1.683334	3013.690	0.230	6
XMMXCS J095905.7+130455.5	149.774030	13.082109	1434.966	0.360	36
XMMXCS J095917.6+015617.4	149.823500	1.938189	1709.478	0.390	10
XMMXCS J095917.7+013752.5	149.824060	1.631264	46063.698	0.130	50
XMMXCS J095924.9+014613.6	149.853800	1.770469	996.500	0.150	6
XMMXCS J095932.7+303112.8	149.886650	30.520230	8432.274	0.260	50
XMMXCS J095940.8+023112.6	149.920030	2.520179	985.279	0.660	7
XMMXCS J095953.2+130438.5	149.971850	13.077372	585.312	0.100	9
XMMXCS J095957.4+251631.3	149.989260	25.275364	1820.274	0.100	10
XMMXCS J100000.9+015310.3	150.003890	1.886206	1304.408	0.110	16
XMMXCS J100009.2+023257.2	150.038670	2.549229	964.137	0.330	13
XMMXCS J100011.9+305427.4	150.049730	30.907621	1365.454	0.240	7
XMMXCS J100015.0+015056.8	150.062820	1.849115	1792.135	0.130	12
XMMXCS J100017.9+013827.9	150.074590	1.641086	31450.010	0.140	50
XMMXCS J100019.2+025721.8	150.080350	2.956070	501.041	0.290	5
XMMXCS J100020.7+303730.4	150.086490	30.625114	46028.117	0.160	50
XMMXCS J100029.6+500303.1	150.123750	30.841710	6036.462	0.150	31
XMMXCS J100047.4+013927.8	150.197560	1.657748	3024.574	0.180	50
XMMXCS J100050.3+023005.5	150.209990	2.501536	703.595	0.500	8
XMMXCS J100059.8+683945.3	150.249500	68.662595	686.464	0.470	9
XMMXCS J100109.4+013332.3	150.289020	1.558990	348.852	0.350	14
XMMXCS J100114.7+023502.0	150.311360	2.583899	2505.852	0.250	50
XMMXCS J100125.7+024147.3	150.357120	2.696487	838.869	0.170	15
XMMXCS J100141.6+022538.2	150.423720	2.427300	2446.651	0.140	30
XMMXCS J100201.6+021333.0	150.506850	2.225839	832.920	0.250	5
XMMXCS J100309.4+022601.9	150.789190	2.433876	2034.334	0.140	34
XMMXCS J100452.0+411626.2	151.216780	41.273958	2417.431	0.500	5
XMMXCS J101058.3+293403.0	152.742980	29.567502	3240.208	0.140	50
XMMXCS J101110.4+295115.2	152.793740	29.854239	42045.065	0.140	50
XMMXCS J101128.3+293155.0	152.867950	29.531959	2823.636	0.150	26
XMMXCS J101301.1+463441.8	153.254760	46.578302	616.074	0.110	7
XMMXCS J101838.7+195041.0	154.661650	19.844746	323.413	0.400	9
XMMXCS J101843.6+370839.9	154.681960	37.144434	930.449	0.440	16

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XMMXCS J101901.7+371020.8	154.757150	37.172449	1230.960	0.160	40
XMMXCS J101903.2+200322.8	154.763560	20.056348	326.159	0.100	9
XMMXCS J101922.9+371522.6	154.845830	37.256290	2247.246	0.130	50
XMMXCS J101933.0+080353.5	154.887690	8.064863	998.079	0.150	50
XMMXCS J102013.4+194131.9	155.056130	19.692202	350.818	0.100	15
XMMXCS J102017.7+075931.8	155.073870	7.992190	526.053	0.190	21
XMMXCS J102033.9+195236.1	155.141270	19.876719	515.982	0.210	50
XMMXCS J102133.7+213748.9	155.390440	21.630269	1164.135	0.210	20
XMMXCS J102245.9+194741.5	155.691640	19.794887	542.659	0.120	10
XMMXCS J103007.1-030642.1	157.529880	-3.111717	918.610	0.400	19
XMMXCS J103023.1+310142.1	157.596420	31.028362	348.340	0.240	37
XMMXCS J103100.0+305138.7	157.750040	30.860774	925.623	0.130	50
XMMXCS J103104.9+052626.8	157.770680	5.440791	1182.362	0.230	24
XMMXCS J103131.6+311315.9	157.881840	31.221085	359.204	0.380	17
XMMXCS J103212.7+581623.3	158.053320	58.273147	631.192	0.320	15
XMMXCS J103421.8+395113.1	158.591220	39.853656	396.218	0.100	9
XMMXCS J103454.4+585054.2	158.726850	58.848408	378.131	0.420	15
XMMXCS J103501.2+580456.4	158.755400	58.082341	900.157	0.340	6
XMMXCS J103506.8+585601.5	158.778670	58.933761	2538.327	0.440	37
XMMXCS J103508.1+584000.8	158.783980	58.666890	13041.753	0.110	50
XMMXCS J103516.3+580845.2	158.818090	58.145900	852.460	0.340	10
XMMXCS J103931.8+394737.1	159.882880	39.793651	443.945	0.120	16
XMMXCS J103937.1+090329.2	159.904940	9.058136	3096.085	0.160	13
XMMXCS J103941.3+091849.2	159.922310	9.313687	17995.979	0.190	50
XMMXCS J104030.1+085654.1	160.125780	8.948382	1849.905	0.100	5
XMMXCS J104041.4+395704.9	160.172830	39.951386	8497.983	0.150	50
XMMXCS J104422.3+213025.7	161.093050	21.507142	2002.498	0.450	25
XMMXCS J104422.6+064514.9	161.094210	6.754140	929.160	0.270	23
XMMXCS J104546.9+063421.4	161.445440	6.572623	710.341	0.180	11
XMMXCS J104551.8+213345.9	161.466110	21.562776	305.548	0.440	14
XMMXCS J104947.8+572353.2	162.449210	57.398120	541.377	0.410	5
XMMXCS J105132.5+572107.0	162.885680	57.351967	944.430	0.520	12
XMMXCS J105134.9+572720.0	162.895670	57.455571	3782.039	0.590	28
XMMXCS J105245.7+574208.0	163.190590	57.702224	2059.013	0.100	34
XMMXCS J105247.2+573612.2	163.196950	57.603395	779.330	0.120	6
XMMXCS J105302.1+571529.4	163.259120	57.258169	2800.793	0.170	40
XMMXCS J105318.7+572048.4	163.328150	57.346798	1655.742	0.320	20
XMMXCS J105352.0+573458.3	163.466670	57.582877	1587.485	0.290	15
XMMXCS J105419.1+572514.9	163.579630	57.420816	3256.334	0.160	15
XMMXCS J105655.6+065841.1	164.231760	6.978101	307.566	0.310	23
XMMXCS J110340.4+382113.1	165.918550	38.353660	581.367	0.490	30
XMMXCS J110359.5+380509.4	165.998020	38.085972	16248.726	0.100	50
XMMXCS J110400.1+381543.5	166.000830	38.262085	2977.804	0.490	34
XMMXCS J110400.5+380759.9	166.002320	38.133328	1489.300	0.100	5
XMMXCS J110414.6+380828.3	166.061220	38.141202	1755.059	0.100	20
XMMXCS J110421.8+380551.4	166.090830	38.097639	1546.239	0.100	13
XMMXCS J110442.1+381534.7	166.175460	38.259659	2347.918	0.100	5
XMMXCS J110447.6+381747.8	166.198670	38.296628	2393.565	0.470	8
XMMXCS J110451.1+381019.7	166.213110	38.172155	2142.707	0.130	12
XMMXCS J110454.6+380940.1	166.227690	38.161159	3453.797	0.100	35
XMMXCS J110724.4-182731.0	166.851730	-18.458614	106266.410	0.470	50
XMMXCS J110954.2+482704.8	167.476050	48.451346	1181.306	0.510	36
XMMXCS J111153.7+022856.2	167.973950	2.482299	622.487	0.100	5
XMMXCS J111307.7+401759.0	168.282350	40.299730	471.357	0.100	23
XMMXCS J111357.7+061053.3	168.490650	6.181479	790.086	0.140	14
XMMXCS J111515.4+531948.3	168.814420	53.330096	2307.456	0.440	50
XMMXCS J111726.1+074327.8	169.358930	7.724394	1238.075	0.450	40
XMMXCS J111729.8+174450.7	169.374380	17.747439	481.976	0.480	22
XMMXCS J111730.6+074631.2	169.377600	7.775361	1095.449	0.110	20
XMMXCS J111745.0+073813.5	169.437770	7.637092	808.799	0.490	10
XMMXCS J112006.6+600127.9	170.027530	60.024440	1275.644	0.440	7
XMMXCS J112259.2+465915.6	170.747010	46.987675	625.932	0.440	12
XMMXCS J112349.5+052951.7	170.956440	5.497718	328.490	0.610	9
XMMXCS J112419.7+470006.9	171.082420	47.001938	409.136	0.490	6
XMMXCS J113657.5+570617.2	174.239600	57.104780	539.942	0.120	38
XMMXCS J113844.3+031536.5	174.684970	3.260144	912.236	0.130	15
XMMXCS J113909.8+170334.2	174.791170	17.059504	433.755	0.270	27
XMMXCS J114041.4+314811.1	175.172740	31.803111	38085.101	0.120	50
XMMXCS J114057.5+602303.5	175.239960	60.384311	1226.811	0.380	6
XMMXCS J114213.2+602933.6	175.555130	60.492685	13840.521	0.100	50
XMMXCS J114333.1+602902.8	175.888170	60.484114	1291.754	0.130	17
XMMXCS J114725.5+530343.4	176.856650	53.062057	26524.362	0.100	50
XMMXCS J115112.0+550654.5	177.800230	55.115150	5241.947	0.100	21
XMMXCS J115123.7+545010.0	177.849120	54.836129	573.406	0.150	27
XMMXCS J115131.8+014814.5	177.882670	1.804033	338.903	0.170	16
XMMXCS J115204.1+545848.1	178.017430	54.980047	350.630	0.120	10
XMMXCS J115222.8+364652.7	178.095070	36.781319	843.262	0.260	29
XMMXCS J115331.2+365306.3	178.380170	36.885098	1240.386	0.150	50
XMMXCS J115817.9+524131.2	179.574860	52.692026	1023.075	0.660	5
XMMXCS J115824.9+440536.6	179.603910	44.093526	452.411	0.380	42
XMMXCS J120550.8+351059.9	181.461830	35.183329	741.476	0.450	11
XMMXCS J120801.2+433927.3	182.005100	43.657594	312.983	0.270	30
XMMXCS J120850.9+452951.2	182.212180	45.497580	756.808	0.330	23
XMMXCS J120916.9+652242.4	182.320450	65.378465	1617.728	0.100	10
XMMXCS J120929.4+392804.7	182.372880	39.467997	539.312	0.210	22
XMMXCS J120934.3+392233.6	182.393170	39.376014	664.226	0.500	19
XMMXCS J121156.6+502917.7	182.986040	50.488254	521.970	0.110	9
XMMXCS J121334.8+025349.4	183.395360	2.897081	2044.047	0.390	28
XMMXCS J121722.4+033242.3	184.343700	3.545084	642.072	0.130	29
XMMXCS J121729.3+373020.3	184.372370	37.505641	784.383	0.150	5
XMMXCS J121749.5+472436.0	184.456570	47.410005	4864.739	0.260	50
XMMXCS J121753.1+472902.1	184.471510	47.483916	918.408	0.260	50
XMMXCS J121755.5+472834.6	184.481500	47.476295	448.557	0.280	20
XMMXCS J121806.9+373833.8	184.528860	37.642736	733.164	0.440	5
XMMXCS J121811.9+374302.9	184.549920	37.717489	362.599	0.170	5
XMMXCS J121848.3+293601.0	184.701290	29.600297	403.054	0.250	5
XMMXCS J121857.5+472826.5	184.739620	47.474033	76621.968	0.120	50
XMMXCS J121916.1+474439.1	184.817130	47.744201	2975.801	0.100	9
XMMXCS J121929.1+474034.7	184.871640	47.676331	3359.011	0.100	16
XMMXCS J121936.3+141609.2	184.901560	14.269235	17203.620	0.230	50
XMMXCS J121938.1+143339.3	184.908910	14.560933	2804.330	0.100	8
XMMXCS J121952.3+472622.8	184.968030	47.439694	466.596	0.220	14
XMMXCS J122021.1+300737.4	185.088070	30.127057	484.775	0.210	10
XMMXCS J122040.0+302041.6	185.166830	30.344916	563.399	0.100	12
XMMXCS J122122.7+143253.8	185.344760	14.548284	344.308	0.450	7
XMMXCS J122227.8+142809.7	185.615950	14.469379	336.934	0.160	10
XMMXCS J122235.7+143536.0	185.648880	14.593359	703.703	0.510	13
XMMXCS J122522.1+311817.4	186.342200	31.304847	662.290	0.330	24
XMMXCS J122528.0+004228.3	186.367030	0.707883	577.087	0.230	50
XMMXCS J122544.9+312516.5	186.437220	31.421276	811.218	0.400	6
XMMXCS J122553.1+334609.3	186.471580	33.769267	2098.096	0.470	27
XMMXCS J122600.5+333348.3	186.502450	33.563433	8101.708	0.290	39
XMMXCS J122845.5+015501.2	187.189990	1.917007	755.771	0.270	5
XMMXCS J122900.7+015226.2	187.253050	1.873971	520.543	0.300	7

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XMMXCS J122908.8+014723.6	187.286810	1.789912	616.464	0.300	6
XMMXCS J122925.5+075522.2	187.356360	7.922838	14742.005	0.100	30
XMMXCS J122929.3+015130.6	187.372290	1.858510	764.333	0.250	5
XMMXCS J122932.5+015030.6	187.385580	1.841848	1565.835	0.100	15
XMMXCS J122944.5+133450.8	187.435760	13.580786	413.823	0.400	14
XMMXCS J123001.8+080841.5	187.507820	8.144880	4603.839	0.100	32
XMMXCS J123002.6+021018.4	187.510850	2.171789	2707.465	0.140	16
XMMXCS J123012.8+080124.6	187.553740	8.023521	5260.712	0.140	13
XMMXCS J123014.6+080044.4	187.560860	8.012341	695.948	0.240	8
XMMXCS J123017.0+133905.0	187.571150	13.651398	368.745	0.270	8
XMMXCS J123019.1+110059.1	187.579950	11.016431	640.675	0.130	16
XMMXCS J123144.3+413730.9	187.935000	41.625274	527.972	0.240	43
XMMXCS J123313.0+001130.0	188.304570	0.191694	467.154	0.410	14
XMMXCS J123525.3+480154.6	188.855530	48.031832	966.367	0.100	10
XMMXCS J123652.1+615817.6	189.217140	61.971580	706.131	0.250	11
XMMXCS J123653.3+131428.7	189.222150	13.241315	350.623	0.120	6
XMMXCS J124024.7-114806.2	190.103160	-11.801748	814.544	0.190	18
XMMXCS J124127.2-015824.2	190.363710	-1.973391	352.297	0.150	14
XMMXCS J124138.9+322822.5	190.412150	32.472943	408.067	0.390	8
XMMXCS J124146.8+141923.6	190.445170	14.323230	530.612	0.220	18
XMMXCS J124158.7+331716.7	190.494860	33.287978	866.357	0.240	50
XMMXCS J124202.5+332203.9	190.510810	33.367753	322.324	0.100	19
XMMXCS J124208.1+331320.2	190.534070	33.222284	727.078	0.230	27
XMMXCS J124212.3+331949.5	190.551520	33.330436	330.506	0.130	18
XMMXCS J124229.0+143100.0	190.620940	14.516680	391.889	0.460	5
XMMXCS J124230.8+024049.7	190.628740	2.680474	2779.297	0.100	5
XMMXCS J124235.4-112412.1	190.647830	-11.403386	1013.554	0.100	8
XMMXCS J124240.4+024651.2	190.668590	2.780904	621.262	0.110	10
XMMXCS J124241.8-112844.5	190.674180	-11.479044	1344.966	0.110	5
XMMXCS J124248.7+112637.8	190.703120	11.443852	687.657	0.190	9
XMMXCS J124259.2+332353.7	190.746710	33.398253	906.400	0.430	9
XMMXCS J124300.0+141806.8	190.750170	14.301895	431.625	0.440	7
XMMXCS J124305.2+023313.5	190.771780	2.553772	1240.391	0.190	15
XMMXCS J124310.2+142022.2	190.792880	14.339511	863.184	0.340	26
XMMXCS J124312.3+131305.4	190.801670	13.218184	390.338	0.280	5
XMMXCS J124349.6+112025.9	190.956770	11.340543	773.354	0.320	6
XMMXCS J124412.6+112404.3	191.052800	11.401196	749.124	0.220	11
XMMXCS J124423.6+113516.0	191.098520	11.587794	686.653	0.480	8
XMMXCS J124453.1-002627.9	191.221250	-0.441086	435.418	0.170	18
XMMXCS J124454.1-003331.1	191.225430	-0.558641	1339.641	0.190	28
XMMXCS J124926.2+051221.9	192.359520	5.206089	894.236	0.570	6
XMMXCS J124928.8-060010.7	192.370020	-6.002997	351.930	0.300	18
XMMXCS J125047.4+263352.9	192.697640	26.564700	416.542	0.440	16
XMMXCS J125313.8+155544.6	193.307570	15.929056	1025.031	0.260	42
XMMXCS J125403.2+310149.4	193.513370	31.030396	413.588	0.480	11
XMMXCS J125612.4+474303.2	194.051770	47.717556	4119.872	0.200	50
XMMXCS J125704.5+270632.7	194.268840	27.109105	336.255	0.280	11
XMMXCS J125727.7+475213.7	194.365560	47.870474	1990.491	0.130	22
XMMXCS J125749.0+473358.0	194.454380	47.566114	5120.129	0.140	34
XMMXCS J125800.7+472646.4	194.502930	47.446243	14517.583	0.140	50
XMMXCS J125808.1+271114.3	194.533970	27.187321	368.386	0.390	5
XMMXCS J125808.7+344432.7	194.536270	34.742430	1288.836	0.170	9
XMMXCS J125813.7+474638.0	194.557340	47.777235	342.206	0.460	22
XMMXCS J125836.5+474344.5	194.652140	47.729051	833.486	0.370	5
XMMXCS J125932.8+274937.2	194.887020	27.827027	12675.608	0.100	33
XMMXCS J125938.8+350005.6	194.911810	35.001577	1040.516	0.120	11
XMMXCS J125950.0+344658.9	194.958360	34.783055	1332.168	0.100	10
XMMXCS J125950.4+274920.6	194.960220	27.822392	5428.498	0.470	13
XMMXCS J125956.2+345652.0	194.984380	34.947781	508.346	0.100	6
XMMXCS J130009.8+281016.2	195.041100	28.171169	548.584	0.130	8
XMMXCS J130020.6+275526.7	195.085990	27.924107	1891.141	0.100	7
XMMXCS J130348.5+534607.3	195.952260	53.768695	726.624	0.320	50
XMMXCS J130749.6+292549.3	196.956740	29.430371	7307.049	0.250	47
XMMXCS J130802.4+213115.9	197.010190	21.521083	23031.925	0.100	50
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XMMXCS J130902.9+211532.2	197.262380	21.258973	12852.924	0.350	44
XMMXCS J130933.6+573928.0	197.390320	57.657789	566.587	0.200	28
XMMXCS J130937.9+212932.1	197.408240	21.492266	10830.035	0.200	29
XMMXCS J131058.3+572042.1	197.743200	57.345027	417.874	0.530	19
XMMXCS J131114.8+231317.1	197.812020	23.221429	576.589	0.270	10
XMMXCS J131122.5+232908.7	197.844000	23.485774	2535.066	0.160	44
XMMXCS J131139.3+232017.7	197.913990	23.338270	695.093	0.100	9
XMMXCS J131154.4+352242.3	197.976680	35.378421	754.049	0.180	47
XMMXCS J131158.1+233416.7	197.992150	23.571324	1208.864	0.500	7
XMMXCS J131302.5+351946.6	198.260620	35.329629	319.504	0.320	36
XMMXCS J131626.3+415134.5	199.109640	41.859592	79241.442	0.100	25
XMMXCS J131934.2-144619.2	199.892890	-14.772012	661.642	0.150	5
XMMXCS J131937.1-145446.1	199.904680	-14.912807	485.480	0.140	14
XMMXCS J132053.8+335521.6	200.224520	33.922687	678.987	0.200	50
XMMXCS J132324.5+432317.4	200.852320	43.388190	870.657	0.100	6
XMMXCS J132434.4+053419.6	201.143620	5.572135	633.323	0.230	50
XMMXCS J132959.5+583423.1	202.497970	58.573103	319.985	0.270	19
XMMXCS J133434.9+375700.2	203.645450	37.950070	874.775	0.320	36
XMMXCS J133443.6+380828.1	203.682070	38.141146	3548.495	0.250	21
XMMXCS J133457.3+375021.8	203.738770	37.839408	696.338	0.360	30
XMMXCS J133514.4+374908.8	203.810030	37.819115	358.514	0.320	21
XMMXCS J133529.0+374519.3	203.871220	37.755386	39923.883	0.290	50
XMMXCS J133604.9+514530.9	204.020450	51.758608	1015.107	0.530	27
XMMXCS J133620.1+242014.5	204.083880	24.337380	366.116	0.140	17
XMMXCS J133817.8+242450.5	204.574430	24.414054	368.244	0.450	17
XMMXCS J134305.1-000056.6	205.771410	-0.015748	1374.531	0.550	25
XMMXCS J134921.9+261449.8	207.341450	26.247170	1204.352	0.100	23
XMMXCS J134937.0-035948.7	207.404450	-3.996882	415.310	0.100	5
XMMXCS J135047.9+600702.7	207.699650	60.117426	623.321	0.400	6
XMMXCS J135358.8+335003.1	208.495390	33.834209	566.679	0.370	38
XMMXCS J135442.1+052848.2	208.675580	5.480074	368.469	0.110	6
XMMXCS J140154.6+620008.9	210.477890	62.002478	732.847	0.330	5
XMMXCS J140354.4+431608.7	210.976710	43.269056	1304.789	0.100	5
XMMXCS J140355.2+540838.6	210.980130	54.144343	348.190	0.130	6
XMMXCS J140615.8+283047.8	211.565980	28.513296	372.561	0.200	11
XMMXCS J140919.5+262550.3	212.331360	26.430643	935.123	0.100	5
XMMXCS J140938.5+260639.9	212.410800	26.111086	713.404	0.450	10
XMMXCS J141534.9+282334.6	213.895430	28.392969	703.108	0.280	21
XMMXCS J141645.6+105306.1	214.181960	10.885041	314.602	0.100	8
XMMXCS J141832.0+251105.4	214.633730	25.184837	6336.790	0.290	50
XMMXCS J141857.7+250815.0	214.740520	25.137517	698.683	0.460	26
XMMXCS J142023.3+462056.7	215.097220	46.349091	729.648	0.540	6
XMMXCS J142041.3+462253.6	215.172210	46.381560	1366.782	0.550	35
XMMXCS J142115.1+030745.9	215.313100	3.129434	550.423	0.300	7
XMMXCS J142207.1+193253.9	215.529900	19.548325	455.965	0.330	34
XMMXCS J142213.4+194121.5	215.555890	19.689333	399.431	0.100	14
XMMXCS J142232.8+193824.7	215.636680	19.640204	732.631	0.120	12
XMMXCS J142244.4+194804.9	215.685190	19.801368	792.197	0.140	16
XMMXCS J142510.1+415719.3	216.292160	41.955386	318.924	0.100	5

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XMMXCS J142730.8+262900.6	216.878360	26.483511	759.361	0.350	14	
XMMXCS J142946.1+415221.8	217.442430	41.872729	378.605	0.380	6	
XMMXCS J142954.4+421848.6	217.476940	42.313513	335.144	0.210	6	
XMMXCS J143024.2+421939.8	217.600910	42.327724	360.447	0.170	8	
XMMXCS J143102.2+421431.3	217.759260	42.242040	779.533	0.410	35	
XMMXCS J143118.8+415842.4	217.828400	41.978450	567.748	0.370	23	
XMMXCS J143120.8-005344.6	217.837000	-0.895733	768.773	0.360	44	
XMMXCS J143425.6+190414.6	218.606980	19.070723	1233.140	0.280	11	
XMMXCS J143456.4+192655.4	218.735210	19.448739	1306.048	0.290	32	
XMMXCS J143610.3+363152.5	219.043120	36.531251	4050.092	0.170	22	
XMMXCS J143613.2+363810.4	219.055220	36.636240	1429.292	0.490	14	
XMMXCS J143656.6+364646.7	219.236070	36.779646	49854.907	0.130	50	
XMMXCS J143934.8+002216.4	219.895080	0.371237	498.959	0.120	50	
XMMXCS J144010.3+000845.6	220.043320	0.146014	782.036	0.220	50	
XMMXCS J144103.1+352501.8	220.262940	35.417178	377.895	0.480	6	
XMMXCS J144125.1+353655.9	220.354850	35.615540	307.692	0.320	10	
XMMXCS J144154.6-003256.1	220.477600	-0.548936	21151.935	0.130	50	
XMMXCS J144216.7+353138.9	220.569900	35.527479	769.128	0.260	8	
XMMXCS J145009.3+090429.1	222.539090	9.074751	669.104	0.600	8	
XMMXCS J145317.4+033443.0	223.322540	3.578627	890.822	0.330	15	
XMMXCS J145847.6+493456.8	224.698570	49.582451	306.554	0.440	18	
XMMXCS J150234.6+473846.9	225.644510	47.646386	463.133	0.310	5	
XMMXCS J150333.6+472426.6	225.890170	47.407413	425.778	0.320	5	
XMMXCS J150824.8-001533.7	227.103500	-0.259362	468.315	0.100	23	
XMMXCS J151051.6+670631.4	227.715020	67.108737	1510.097	0.400	30	
XMMXCS J151537.8+560512.1	228.907700	56.086702	2037.294	0.280	8	
XMMXCS J151553.3+070857.7	228.972160	7.149388	531.571	0.400	5	
XMMXCS J151603.2+560607.8	229.013460	56.102177	859.478	0.310	13	
XMMXCS J151803.1+671917.5	229.513260	67.321542	46825.364	0.460	50	
XMMXCS J152035.3+671804.9	230.147270	67.301372	18622.863	0.400	50	
XMMXCS J152312.5+084206.7	230.802440	8.701887	905.613	0.170	14	
XMMXCS J152535.8+515121.5	231.399260	51.855990	2924.192	0.400	33	
XMMXCS J152620.3+512246.5	231.584910	51.379591	1311.921	0.450	12	
XMMXCS J152713.8+513102.5	231.807700	51.517375	47267.599	0.140	50	
XMMXCS J152715.8+514442.6	231.815870	51.745195	2351.729	0.120	11	
XMMXCS J153132.0+324344.2	232.883630	32.728969	581.629	0.110	7	
XMMXCS J153132.6+240345.6	232.886200	24.062687	849.934	0.100	10	
XMMXCS J153135.3+323931.5	232.897090	32.658767	1773.102	0.100	5	
XMMXCS J153206.6+325427.8	233.027540	32.907736	20425.362	0.100	50	
XMMXCS J153237.6+325617.7	233.156840	32.938267	583.784	0.100	8	
XMMXCS J153240.3+325632.8	233.168130	32.942446	1005.998	0.100	22	
XMMXCS J153256.5+325624.9	233.235530	32.940254	6372.533	0.100	46	
XMMXCS J153301.6+322840.8	233.256910	32.478013	926.199	0.100	16	
XMMXCS J153323.4+323021.4	233.347840	32.505954	2657.069	0.120	25	
XMMXCS J153358.1+233427.8	233.492180	23.574394	14901.052	0.180	50	
XMMXCS J153510.7+544056.5	233.794630	54.682372	2182.701	0.120	50	
XMMXCS J153543.1+232917.4	233.929860	23.488172	3221.006	0.100	50	
XMMXCS J153644.9+543729.0	234.187220	54.624748	329.039	0.340	10	
XMMXCS J154233.1+535921.3	235.638160	53.989256	518.348	0.640	10	
XMMXCS J154405.4+534715.8	236.022770	53.787733	326.664	0.450	13	
XMMXCS J154443.1+483352.1	236.179800	48.564480	1145.130	0.100	15	
XMMXCS J154454.6+483241.3	236.227640	48.544812	2209.602	0.110	11	
XMMXCS J154541.5+483144.1	236.423130	48.528925	13282.744	0.100	50	
XMMXCS J154546.1+483801.1	236.442110	48.633643	1774.682	0.130	5	
XMMXCS J154636.3+485044.9	236.651370	48.845813	4060.822	0.110	37	
XMMXCS J154636.7+483603.8	236.653160	48.601073	1865.319	0.170	12	
XMMXCS J154931.5+255220.0	237.381570	25.872240	892.130	0.100	7	
XMMXCS J154932.2+213302.1	237.384360	21.550590	476.923	0.690	5	
XMMXCS J155004.1+255152.7	237.517450	25.864656	1959.500	0.140	26	
XMMXCS J155011.8+261256.6	237.549430	26.215724	1393.535	0.180	36	
XMMXCS J155022.8+260548.0	237.595120	26.096684	1492.043	0.170	50	
XMMXCS J155146.2+551721.9	237.942890	55.289416	366.959	0.390	5	
XMMXCS J155204.2+552413.8	238.017530	55.403853	655.929	0.100	8	
XMMXCS J160129.7+083901.6	240.373870	8.650461	1079.236	0.220	18	
XMMXCS J160413.8+325146.7	241.057760	32.862974	31428.697	0.130	50	
XMMXCS J160434.1+174345.7	241.142370	17.729364	60712.334	0.100	28	
XMMXCS J160434.5+323757.1	241.143840	32.632545	2117.795	0.110	11	
XMMXCS J160451.0+173430.0	241.212610	17.575010	313.754	0.480	6	
XMMXCS J160456.3+254437.2	241.234780	25.743684	799.278	0.540	18	
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XMMXCS J160543.5+260530.8	241.431410	26.091901	811.340	0.350	10	
XMMXCS J160549.9+253827.5	241.458070	25.640979	618.469	0.100	11	
XMMXCS J160612.9+272106.6	241.553830	27.351852	424.550	0.260	8	
XMMXCS J160620.9+601856.8	241.587150	60.315800	1411.407	0.530	18	
XMMXCS J160637.1+254403.6	241.654680	25.734355	495.104	0.270	16	
XMMXCS J160637.5+255915.7	241.656490	25.987707	691.147	0.650	7	
XMMXCS J160730.3+270401.9	241.876260	27.067216	753.603	0.100	9	
XMMXCS J160952.1+544658.6	242.467320	54.782957	17588.854	0.100	50	
XMMXCS J160957.2+542352.7	242.488660	54.397988	829.566	0.260	6	
XMMXCS J161040.3+540556.9	242.667970	54.099146	590.067	0.330	33	
XMMXCS J161057.3+544148.0	242.738770	54.696670	1407.311	0.350	13	
XMMXCS J161136.1+541629.8	242.900720	54.274965	1951.358	0.340	50	
XMMXCS J161137.7+544240.7	242.907360	54.711329	3123.877	0.100	27	
XMMXCS J161237.6+540817.5	243.156810	54.138206	535.133	0.150	9	
XMMXCS J161554.3+121930.0	243.976320	12.325011	627.855	0.340	38	
XMMXCS J161657.7+345305.0	244.240560	34.884725	795.220	0.580	8	
XMMXCS J161754.9+060539.9	244.478980	6.094426	70850.207	0.240	50	
XMMXCS J161755.5+350328.7	244.481630	35.057990	780.325	0.330	7	
XMMXCS J163015.6+243423.8	247.565120	24.573281	1075.567	0.100	28	
XMMXCS J163141.4+340440.0	247.922760	34.077787	550.424	0.140	16	
XMMXCS J165651.1+353007.8	254.213210	35.502176	570.372	0.570	5	
XMMXCS J165705.8+353255.6	254.274180	35.548788	646.373	0.210	8	
XMMXCS J165725.5+351729.9	254.356550	35.291661	719.020	0.110	5	
XMMXCS J170933.1+590201.0	257.387970	59.033631	1733.197	0.140	6	
XMMXCS J170942.5+585443.6	257.427350	58.912129	324.667	0.190	16	
XMMXCS J171015.8+585129.5	257.566160	58.858196	37761.788	0.110	50	
XMMXCS J171149.5+584705.3	257.956600	58.784825	2072.685	0.210	28	
XMMXCS J171218.2+584912.3	258.075890	58.820111	353.666	0.220	10	
XMMXCS J171231.3+585310.3	258.130780	58.886211	1708.845	0.360	23	
XMMXCS J171351.9+434402.5	258.466500	43.734039	1169.582	0.490	5	
XMMXCS J171410.8+434126.2	258.545170	43.690626	942.119	0.480	6	
XMMXCS J171420.2+434034.1	258.584270	43.676155	588.421	0.500	7	
XMMXCS J171521.4+572451.9	258.839190	57.414441	6506.194	0.100	15	
XMMXCS J171934.0+590403.0	259.892070	59.067526	567.326	0.500	8	
XMMXCS J171953.7+263005.9	259.973950	26.501662	23355.409	0.150	31	
XMMXCS J172006.1+583810.7	260.025620	58.636318	762.187	0.570	6	
XMMXCS J172106.3+583857.6	260.276590	58.649335	685.027	0.750	5	
XMMXCS J172123.5+585951.5	260.348140	58.997656	595.985	0.110	12	
XMMXCS J172151.9+584830.0	260.466480	58.808351	1481.799	0.100	8	
XMMXCS J172214.4+342344.2	260.560380	34.395638	363.774	0.110	16	
XMMXCS J172228.7+340753.8	260.619680	34.131632	819.759	0.210	20	
XMMXCS J172303.1+342319.0	260.763260	34.388630	839.934	0.100	8	
XMMXCS J172345.1+341734.0	260.937980	34.292779	355.062	0.160	10	
XMMXCS J172414.1+341742.7	261.059080	34.295218	494.844	0.380	5	

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XMMXCS J173334.3+604553.8	263.393220	60.764949	872.028	0.460	7
XMMXCS J173353.9+604950.9	263.474640	60.830808	489.357	0.310	7
XMMXCS J173411.7+605429.3	263.549100	60.908152	805.314	0.470	8
XMMXCS J173424.7+603637.1	263.602960	60.610332	644.083	0.190	9
XMMXCS J173429.2+605814.8	263.621990	60.970785	540.398	0.330	6
XMMXCS J173632.8+604353.1	264.136970	60.731427	909.321	0.470	7
XMMXCS J173711.0+660316.7	264.296120	66.054652	503.092	0.380	10
XMMXCS J200758.0-110256.9	301.991660	-11.049159	308.757	0.280	13
XMMXCS J211430.2+061540.2	318.625840	6.261170	312.525	0.230	6
XMMXCS J211506.8+060823.7	318.778420	6.139918	515.542	0.370	12
XMMXCS J211510.7+055757.4	318.794710	5.965971	1067.326	0.180	22
XMMXCS J211511.6+055832.6	318.798430	5.975725	1365.580	0.180	20
XMMXCS J213037.9+045522.6	322.658310	4.922968	559.974	0.600	20
XMMXCS J213341.1-003842.7	323.421340	-0.645205	655.493	0.220	16
XMMXCS J215437.6-091534.2	328.656840	-9.259518	776.701	0.110	7
XMMXCS J215807.6-302250.4	329.532060	-30.380677	474.637	0.390	13
XMMXCS J215850.5-302451.1	329.710790	-30.414202	601.156	0.400	9
XMMXCS J223546.8+335243.7	338.945080	33.878825	316.525	0.350	5
XMMXCS J223615.1+335639.0	339.063220	33.944182	548.044	0.510	7
XMMXCS J223633.6+343000.2	339.140010	34.500080	634.337	0.120	10
XMMXCS J231932.9+081809.2	349.887150	8.302559	5467.971	0.100	29
XMMXCS J232125.0+194513.5	350.354550	19.753756	4666.836	0.330	13
XMMXCS J232813.5+144112.0	352.056570	14.686683	3862.003	0.130	7
XMMXCS J232841.5+143931.7	352.173040	14.658823	26574.822	0.100	9
XMMXCS J235001.8+362521.7	357.507530	36.422718	682.011	0.150	18

Table H.2: XCS300 DR3 redshifts produced using SDSS DR7

Cluster	z	nH (10^{20} cm^{-2})	T _x (keV)	L ₅₀₀ ($10^{44} \text{ erg s}^{-1}$)	Z (Solar)	r _c (arcmin)	β
XMMXCS J120930.2+392756.2	0.22198	$1.04^{+15.00}_{-1.04}$	$1.06^{+0.31}_{-0.38}$	$0.05^{+0.02}_{-0.05}$	$0.18^{+0.20}_{-0.15}$	$0.10^{+0.01}_{-0.02}$	$0.67^{+0.00}_{-0.00}$
XMMXCS J144940.6+084738.3	0.38804	$0.71^{+18.07}_{-0.71}$	$0.96^{+0.43}_{-0.53}$	$0.17^{+0.02}_{-0.17}$	$0.07^{+0.22}_{-0.07}$	$0.26^{+0.05}_{-0.04}$	$0.67^{+0.00}_{-0.00}$
XMMXCS J125047.3+263356.4	0.45184	$0.61^{+0.00}_{-0.00}$	$1.76^{+0.89}_{-0.57}$	$0.45^{+0.83}_{-0.12}$	$0.30^{+0.00}_{-0.00}$	$0.10^{+1.90}_{-0.00}$	$0.55^{+0.40}_{-0.20}$
XMMXCS J033225.3-275836.9	0.12400	$0.89^{+0.00}_{-0.00}$	$0.65^{+0.07}_{-0.06}$	$0.01^{+0.00}_{-0.00}$	$0.30^{+0.00}_{-0.00}$	$1.29^{+0.00}_{-0.04}$	$0.67^{+0.00}_{-0.00}$
XMMXCS J015719.5+375635.8	0.24000	$6.87^{+3.91}_{-3.44}$	$3.79^{+2.03}_{-1.13}$	$0.96^{+1.41}_{-0.68}$	$0.00^{+0.28}_{-0.00}$	$1.96^{+0.04}_{-1.86}$	$0.67^{+0.28}_{-0.32}$
XMMXCS J111729.8+174452.9	0.54800	$0.10^{+2.60}_{-0.10}$	$3.05^{+2.10}_{-1.52}$	$1.85^{+0.80}_{-0.06}$	$0.39^{+1.24}_{-0.39}$	$0.15^{+0.04}_{-0.04}$	$0.67^{+0.00}_{-0.00}$
XMMXCS J121334.9+025350.7	0.40900	$0.61^{+2.01}_{-0.61}$	$5.49^{+1.56}_{-1.13}$	$2.25^{+0.44}_{-0.36}$	$0.31^{+0.36}_{-0.30}$	$0.78^{+0.11}_{-0.10}$	$0.84^{+0.09}_{-0.10}$
XMMXCS J003427.6-431855.8	0.40000	$2.74^{+1.11}_{-1.04}$	$3.43^{+0.34}_{-0.32}$	$2.16^{+0.10}_{-0.10}$	$0.40^{+0.15}_{-0.13}$	$0.19^{+0.01}_{-0.01}$	$0.42^{+0.01}_{-0.01}$
XMMXCS J134807.0+261645.0	0.56181	$0.00^{+1.75}_{-0.00}$	$7.09^{+4.67}_{-2.40}$	$1.35^{+0.07}_{-0.34}$	$0.16^{+0.60}_{-0.16}$	$0.19^{+0.01}_{-0.01}$	$0.67^{+0.00}_{-0.00}$
XMMXCS J112349.4+052955.1	0.67928	$4.43^{+0.00}_{-0.00}$	$3.39^{+1.77}_{-0.90}$	$1.55^{+1.10}_{-0.42}$	$0.30^{+0.00}_{-0.00}$	$0.10^{+1.90}_{-0.00}$	$0.37^{+0.58}_{-0.02}$
XMMXCS J083025.8+524129.1	0.99000	$5.90^{+1.60}_{-1.42}$	$6.44^{+1.25}_{-1.04}$	$11.59^{+0.47}_{-0.56}$	$0.21^{+0.14}_{-0.14}$	$0.77^{+0.01}_{-0.01}$	$0.67^{+0.00}_{-0.00}$
XMMXCS J172814.0-142813.9	0.40530	$26.62^{+13.82}_{-9.84}$	$5.15^{+4.16}_{-0.86}$	$4.80^{+0.64}_{-0.34}$	$0.34^{+0.45}_{-0.15}$	$0.50^{+0.06}_{-0.05}$	$0.35^{+0.00}_{-0.00}$
XMMXCS J123144.3+413729.5	0.19100	$2.04^{+4.73}_{-2.04}$	$3.14^{+1.63}_{-1.16}$	$0.33^{+0.17}_{-0.13}$	$0.40^{+0.63}_{-0.37}$	$0.43^{+0.13}_{-0.10}$	$0.53^{+0.10}_{-0.07}$
XMMXCS J054710.3-511155.0	0.28200	$4.92^{+0.00}_{-0.00}$	$2.15^{+0.33}_{-0.23}$	$0.48^{+0.04}_{-0.04}$	$0.30^{+0.00}_{-0.00}$	$0.12^{+0.01}_{-0.01}$	$0.42^{+0.01}_{-0.01}$
XMMXCS J073603.7+433911.9	0.38000	$5.72^{+0.00}_{-0.00}$	$3.58^{+1.15}_{-0.75}$	$1.29^{+0.18}_{-0.17}$	$0.30^{+0.00}_{-0.00}$	$0.35^{+0.04}_{-0.04}$	$0.67^{+0.06}_{-0.05}$
XMMXCS J130545.0+175318.9	0.55763	$2.06^{+0.00}_{-0.00}$	$3.49^{+2.88}_{-1.31}$	$0.67^{+0.09}_{-0.11}$	$0.30^{+0.00}_{-0.00}$	$1.19^{+0.12}_{-0.10}$	$0.67^{+0.00}_{-0.00}$
XMMXCS J100141.8+022538.2	0.12412	$2.47^{+0.00}_{-0.00}$	$1.49^{+0.14}_{-0.13}$	$0.14^{+0.09}_{-0.12}$	$0.30^{+0.00}_{-0.00}$	$1.73^{+0.19}_{-1.63}$	$0.67^{+0.28}_{-0.32}$
XMMXCS J083454.8+553420.3	0.29282	$4.38^{+1.26}_{-1.25}$	$4.29^{+0.89}_{-0.61}$	$14.57^{+0.56}_{-0.67}$	$0.23^{+0.17}_{-0.15}$	$0.21^{+0.00}_{-0.00}$	$0.67^{+0.00}_{-0.00}$
XMMXCS J022045.1-032555.8	0.33000	$2.49^{+0.00}_{-0.00}$	$2.17^{+0.78}_{-0.45}$	$0.36^{+0.12}_{-0.06}$	$0.30^{+0.00}_{-0.00}$	$0.12^{+0.03}_{-0.04}$	$0.67^{+0.00}_{-0.00}$
XMMXCS J132053.9+335522.9	0.18200	$0.10^{+1.51}_{-0.10}$	$4.47^{+1.88}_{-1.28}$	$0.70^{+0.24}_{-0.54}$	$0.58^{+0.81}_{-0.52}$	$2.00^{+0.18}_{-1.90}$	$0.80^{+0.04}_{-0.09}$
XMMXCS J005655.6-221358.7	0.11600	$1.50^{+0.00}_{-0.00}$	$1.76^{+0.42}_{-0.24}$	$0.11^{+0.02}_{-0.02}$	$0.30^{+0.00}_{-0.00}$	$0.10^{+0.00}_{-0.00}$	$0.41^{+0.01}_{-0.01}$
XMMXCS J003548.2-432230.6	0.55000	$2.82^{+0.00}_{-0.00}$	$2.39^{+0.95}_{-0.73}$	$0.55^{+0.07}_{-0.06}$	$0.30^{+0.00}_{-0.00}$	$0.10^{+0.01}_{-0.01}$	$0.52^{+0.04}_{-0.03}$
XMMXCS J130534.8+175659.5	0.51261	$3.52^{+4.40}_{-3.18}$	$3.87^{+2.15}_{-1.41}$	$1.84^{+0.60}_{-0.50}$	$0.13^{+0.40}_{-0.13}$	$0.62^{+1.38}_{-0.08}$	$0.67^{+0.04}_{-0.02}$
XMMXCS J091821.8+211447.5	0.69000	$3.98^{+0.00}_{-0.00}$	$6.83^{+2.63}_{-2.63}$	$3.91^{+2.89}_{-2.96}$	$0.30^{+0.00}_{-0.00}$	$0.10^{+0.05}_{-0.00}$	$0.50^{+0.45}_{-0.15}$
XMMXCS J145009.4+090429.9	0.49674	$2.09^{+0.00}_{-0.00}$	$3.19^{+0.93}_{-0.63}$	$0.99^{+0.09}_{-0.09}$	$0.30^{+0.00}_{-0.00}$	$0.47^{+0.02}_{-0.02}$	$0.35^{+0.00}_{-0.00}$
XMMXCS J040646.7-711630.7	0.22900	$8.31^{+2.91}_{-2.45}$	$3.52^{+0.78}_{-0.69}$	$2.73^{+0.22}_{-0.30}$	$0.38^{+0.39}_{-0.27}$	$0.47^{+0.03}_{-0.02}$	$0.35^{+0.00}_{-0.00}$
XMMXCS J101339.2-450640.0	0.11930	$11.68^{+0.00}_{-0.00}$	$1.27^{+0.08}_{-0.08}$	$0.21^{+0.19}_{-0.19}$	$0.30^{+0.00}_{-0.00}$	$0.10^{+1.90}_{-0.00}$	$0.35^{+0.60}_{-0.00}$
XMMXCS J232124.6+194515.9	0.41000	$5.83^{+1.69}_{-1.55}$	$3.53^{+0.58}_{-0.46}$	$3.28^{+1.19}_{-2.71}$	$0.18^{+0.16}_{-0.14}$	$0.49^{+1.51}_{-0.39}$	$0.60^{+0.35}_{-0.25}$
XMMXCS J223934.0-060019.1	0.17300	$3.88^{+0.00}_{-0.00}$	$1.72^{+0.53}_{-0.30}$	$0.16^{+0.04}_{-0.03}$	$0.30^{+0.00}_{-0.00}$	$0.10^{+0.03}_{-0.03}$	$0.36^{+0.02}_{-0.02}$
XMMXCS J022610.7-045812.0	0.05000	$2.55^{+0.00}_{-0.00}$	$0.64^{+0.21}_{-0.13}$	$0.00^{+0.01}_{-0.00}$	$0.30^{+0.00}_{-0.00}$	$0.69^{+0.03}_{-0.59}$	$0.92^{+0.03}_{-0.05}$
XMMXCS J100115.3+250612.4	0.67000	$2.77^{+0.00}_{-0.00}$	$2.54^{+1.40}_{-0.78}$	$0.55^{+0.09}_{-0.10}$	$0.30^{+0.00}_{-0.00}$	$1.47^{+0.05}_{-0.05}$	$0.67^{+0.00}_{-0.00}$
XMMXCS J022827.3-042536.3	0.43300	$2.65^{+0.00}_{-0.00}$	$4.22^{+2.21}_{-1.22}$	$0.69^{+0.50}_{-0.11}$	$0.30^{+0.00}_{-0.00}$	$0.46^{+0.19}_{-0.15}$	$0.95^{+0.56}_{-0.56}$
XMMXCS J232221.3+193855.8	0.26000	$4.64^{+0.00}_{-0.00}$	$2.12^{+0.68}_{-0.41}$	$0.29^{+0.06}_{-0.05}$	$0.30^{+0.00}_{-0.00}$	$2.00^{+0.07}_{-0.07}$	$0.35^{+0.01}_{-0.01}$
XMMXCS J130553.5+181439.6	0.44645	$2.04^{+0.00}_{-0.00}$	$1.50^{+0.71}_{-0.38}$	$0.35^{+0.13}_{-0.10}$	$0.30^{+0.00}_{-0.00}$	$0.71^{+0.12}_{-0.11}$	$0.95^{+0.60}_{-0.60}$
XMMXCS J145015.1+270832.2	0.40698	$2.50^{+0.00}_{-0.00}$	$3.01^{+0.46}_{-0.88}$	$0.52^{+0.25}_{-0.11}$	$0.30^{+0.00}_{-0.00}$	$0.23^{+0.05}_{-0.05}$	$0.67^{+0.00}_{-0.00}$
XMMXCS J094034.7+355952.5	0.29427	$1.46^{+0.00}_{-0.00}$	$1.44^{+0.64}_{-0.31}$	$0.11^{+0.04}_{-0.03}$	$0.30^{+0.00}_{-0.00}$	$0.18^{+0.12}_{-0.06}$	$0.67^{+0.00}_{-0.00}$
XMMXCS J000429.1+633127.1	0.37400	$72.61^{+0.00}_{-0.00}$	$1.94^{+0.45}_{-0.27}$	$3.51^{+0.69}_{-0.96}$	$0.30^{+0.00}_{-0.00}$	$2.00^{+0.00}_{-1.90}$	$0.72^{+0.23}_{-0.37}$
XMMXCS J003603.7+851321.4	0.57000	$7.84^{+0.00}_{-0.00}$	$5.33^{+2.35}_{-1.40}$	$3.23^{+0.25}_{-0.32}$	$0.30^{+0.00}_{-0.00}$	$2.00^{+0.00}_{-0.00}$	$0.67^{+0.00}_{-0.00}$
XMMXCS J005558.3-373301.2	0.16200	$2.53^{+0.65}_{-0.63}$	$5.22^{+0.43}_{-0.44}$	$2.22^{+0.77}_{-0.49}$	$0.36^{+0.11}_{-0.11}$	$0.74^{+0.30}_{-0.21}$	$0.67^{+0.00}_{-0.00}$
XMMXCS J123019.1-233129.4	0.27000	$9.01^{+0.00}_{-0.00}$	$3.17^{+1.42}_{-0.83}$	$1.24^{+1.39}_{-0.72}$	$0.30^{+0.00}_{-0.00}$	$1.22^{+0.78}_{-0.12}$	$0.67^{+0.28}_{-0.32}$
XMMXCS J093709.1+611612.5	0.20789	$2.67^{+0.00}_{-0.00}$	$1.34^{+0.45}_{-0.27}$	$0.08^{+0.04}_{-0.04}$	$0.30^{+0.00}_{-0.00}$	$0.10^{+0.03}_{-0.03}$	$0.42^{+0.08}_{-0.05}$
XMMXCS J130514.7-102311.5	0.70000	$3.32^{+0.00}_{-0.00}$	$2.30^{+0.66}_{-0.51}$	$0.88^{+0.16}_{-0.15}$	$0.30^{+0.00}_{-0.00}$	$0.21^{+0.07}_{-0.07}$	$0.35^{+0.02}_{-0.02}$
XMMXCS J161554.2+121928.5	0.35019	$4.54^{+0.00}_{-0.00}$	$3.75^{+1.97}_{-1.10}$	$1.49^{+0.26}_{-0.29}$	$0.30^{+0.00}_{-0.00}$	$1.49^{+0.13}_{-0.11}$	$0.67^{+0.00}_{-0.00}$
XMMXCS J140615.7+283049.2	0.54600	$0.10^{+0.10}_{-0.10}$	$6.44^{+2.12}_{-2.45}$	$2.40^{+1.23}_{-1.12}$	$0.60^{+1.42}_{-0.60}$	$0.35^{+1.65}_{-0.08}$	$0.67^{+0.06}_{-0.06}$
XMMXCS J123019.4+110118.5	0.24546	$2.17^{+0.00}_{-0.00}$	$1.89^{+0.68}_{-0.33}$	$0.05^{+0.01}_{-0.01}$	$0.30^{+0.00}_{-0.00}$	$0.25^{+0.04}_{-0.07}$	$0.95^{+0.45}_{-0.22}$
XMMXCS J103131.2+311315.9	0.37290	$0.10^{+1.33}_{-0.10}$	$5.18^{+2.82}_{-1.82}$	$1.97^{+0.33}_{-0.71}$	$0.97^{+1.49}_{-0.87}$	$0.34^{+0.27}_{-0.12}$	$0.39^{+0.09}_{-0.07}$
XMMXCS J143252.1-441909.5	0.10360	$10.70^{+1.56}_{-1.44}$	$4.29^{+0.41}_{-0.41}$	$4.75^{+0.75}_{-0.42}$	$0.48^{+0.17}_{-0.15}$	$0.14^{+0.02}_{-0.02}$	$0.35^{+0.01}_{-0.01}$
XMMXCS J062210.7+781831.0	0.12910	$8.90^{+7.91}_{-5.67}$	$3.39^{+3.18}_{-1.55}$	$0.50^{+0.07}_{-0.15}$	$0.36^{+1.15}_{-0.36}$	$1.91^{+0.04}_{-0.03}$	$0.67^{+0.00}_{-0.00}$

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Cluster	z	nH (10 ²⁰ cm ⁻²)	T _x (keV)	L-500 (10 ⁴⁴ erg s ⁻¹)	Z (Solar)	r _c (arcmin)	β
XMMXCS J015241.1-133855.1	0.82000	1.60 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}	5.78 ^{+4.76} _{-2.04}	3.37 ^{+0.37} _{-0.45}	0.30 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}	0.10 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}	0.36 ^{+0.01} _{-0.01}
XMMXCS J223924.4-054718.5	0.24200	3.98 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}	2.73 ^{+0.31} _{-0.26}	1.15 ^{+1.96} _{-0.68}	0.30 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}	0.17 ^{+1.83} _{-0.07}	0.51 ^{+0.44} _{-0.16}
XMMXCS J221559.4-173815.5	1.45700	0.10 ^{+2.67} _{-0.10}	8.10 ^{+8.38} _{-1.49}	3.99 ^{+0.57} _{-1.29}	0.00 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}	0.11 ^{+0.01} _{-0.01}	0.67 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}
XMMXCS J074921.2-674951.4	0.27400	9.87 ^{+9.99} _{-6.82}	3.24 ^{+2.28} _{-1.32}	0.84 ^{+0.23} _{-0.46}	0.73 ^{+1.52} _{-0.70}	0.56 ^{+0.12} _{-0.12}	0.67 ^{+0.07} _{-0.07}
XMMXCS J104422.4+213024.7	0.65463	2.10 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}	3.92 ^{+0.42} _{-0.37}	2.47 ^{+0.10} _{-0.10}	0.30 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}	0.27 ^{+0.01} _{-0.01}	0.63 ^{+0.02} _{-0.02}
XMMXCS J092114.4+370129.8	0.42975	1.56 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}	0.82 ^{+0.28} _{-0.15}	0.08 ^{+0.05} _{-0.03}	0.30 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}	1.11 ^{+0.70} _{-1.01}	0.66 ^{+0.29} _{-0.31}
XMMXCS J004753.1+852716.9	0.33000	7.71 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}	5.82 ^{+3.34} _{-1.63}	0.57 ^{+0.43} _{-0.14}	0.30 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}	0.10 ^{+1.90} _{-1.71}	0.67 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}
XMMXCS J235708.5-241453.7	0.51000	1.85 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}	5.31 ^{+6.10} _{-1.97}	2.19 ^{+0.48} _{-0.52}	0.30 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}	0.31 ^{+0.15} _{-0.10}	0.35 ^{+0.01} _{-0.01}
XMMXCS J160129.7+083856.6	0.18753	3.80 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}	1.93 ^{+1.78} _{-0.47}	0.34 ^{+0.29} _{-0.10}	0.30 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}	0.44 ^{+0.17} _{-0.18}	0.75 ^{+0.21} _{-0.21}
XMMXCS J120934.4+392234.8	0.54702	0.00 ^{+4.17} _{-0.00}	4.70 ^{+2.60} _{-1.66}	0.75 ^{+0.04} _{-0.57}	0.44 ^{+0.81} _{-0.44}	0.10 ^{+0.01} _{-0.01}	0.40 ^{+0.55} _{-0.02}
XMMXCS J233949.7-121307.1	0.19000	2.98 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}	1.30 ^{+0.14} _{-0.16}	0.13 ^{+0.06} _{-0.03}	0.30 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}	0.12 ^{+0.06} _{-0.06}	0.45 ^{+0.04} _{-0.04}
XMMXCS J131455.1-163838.3	0.61000	5.07 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}	3.62 ^{+2.69} _{-1.16}	0.97 ^{+0.23} _{-0.18}	0.30 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}	0.10 ^{+0.04} _{-0.04}	0.51 ^{+0.06} _{-0.03}
XMMXCS J025006.5-310400.2	0.80000	1.92 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}	5.34 ^{+3.58} _{-1.82}	3.12 ^{+0.35} _{-0.40}	0.30 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}	0.13 ^{+0.03} _{-0.02}	0.35 ^{+0.01} _{-0.01}
XMMXCS J011952.1-441519.9	0.11800	0.50 ^{+8.60} _{-0.50}	1.36 ^{+0.93} _{-0.41}	0.04 ^{+0.09} _{-0.13}	0.14 ^{+0.32} _{-0.13}	0.29 ^{+1.71} _{-0.08}	0.41 ^{+0.54} _{-0.08}
XMMXCS J022457.7-034852.6	0.61000	2.49 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}	4.09 ^{+1.55} _{-1.02}	3.02 ^{+0.39} _{-0.35}	0.30 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}	0.12 ^{+0.04} _{-0.07}	0.39 ^{+0.02} _{-0.02}
XMMXCS J140439.3-341235.3	0.83000	5.52 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}	4.13 ^{+2.65} _{-1.31}	2.26 ^{+0.25} _{-0.39}	0.30 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}	2.00 ^{+0.02} _{-0.02}	0.67 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}
XMMXCS J004333.8+010107.8	0.18600	2.50 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}	1.48 ^{+0.32} _{-0.30}	0.21 ^{+0.05} _{-0.00}	0.30 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}	0.24 ^{+0.08} _{-0.00}	0.35 ^{+0.01} _{-0.01}
XMMXCS J151424.7+363710.1	0.37200	1.35 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}	5.44 ^{+5.78} _{-2.25}	5.55 ^{+1.05} _{-1.19}	0.30 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}	1.51 ^{+0.12} _{-0.10}	0.67 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}
XMMXCS J010607.9+005013.2	0.27700	2.84 ^{+2.79} _{-2.34}	3.42 ^{+1.63} _{-0.91}	2.81 ^{+0.23} _{-0.46}	0.58 ^{+0.78} _{-0.39}	2.00 ^{+0.07} _{-0.07}	0.67 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}
XMMXCS J224113.3+032833.0	0.25000	5.25 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}	1.67 ^{+1.40} _{-0.44}	0.18 ^{+0.07} _{-0.06}	0.30 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}	0.10 ^{+0.01} _{-0.01}	0.67 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}
XMMXCS J014449.9-043231.5	0.18000	2.84 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}	1.36 ^{+0.19} _{-0.14}	0.08 ^{+0.01} _{-0.01}	0.30 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}	2.00 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}	0.67 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}
XMMXCS J022539.3-031124.4	0.14000	2.93 ^{+1.56} _{-1.45}	3.67 ^{+0.83} _{-0.60}	2.24 ^{+0.14} _{-1.48}	0.13 ^{+0.22} _{-0.13}	2.00 ^{+0.00} _{-0.15}	0.35 ^{+0.02} _{-0.00}
XMMXCS J161132.8+541635.5	0.37900	1.37 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}	6.86 ^{+4.92} _{-2.16}	2.16 ^{+0.41} _{-0.27}	0.30 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}	0.37 ^{+0.00} _{-0.05}	0.95 ^{+0.37} _{-0.10}
XMMXCS J084958.1+445947.4	0.54645	2.68 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}	2.59 ^{+1.20} _{-0.69}	0.82 ^{+0.11} _{-0.10}	0.30 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}	0.51 ^{+0.12} _{-0.09}	0.35 ^{+0.01} _{-0.01}
XMMXCS J030614.6-000537.0	0.44000	6.51 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}	2.73 ^{+0.93} _{-0.58}	0.68 ^{+0.58} _{-0.28}	0.30 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}	0.10 ^{+1.90} _{-0.00}	0.43 ^{+0.52} _{-0.08}
XMMXCS J031833.0-030258.1	0.37000	4.77 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}	5.80 ^{+4.92} _{-0.54}	6.73 ^{+0.43} _{-0.41}	0.30 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}	0.53 ^{+0.00} _{-0.02}	0.68 ^{+0.02} _{-0.02}
XMMXCS J120801.1+433928.2	0.26569	0.10 ^{+4.32} _{-0.10}	3.02 ^{+1.27} _{-1.17}	1.28 ^{+0.70} _{-0.52}	0.55 ^{+0.76} _{-0.51}	0.15 ^{+0.04} _{-0.07}	0.67 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}
XMMXCS J022722.1-032145.3	0.32900	2.61 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}	2.93 ^{+1.29} _{-0.72}	0.42 ^{+0.06} _{-0.06}	0.30 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}	0.31 ^{+0.03} _{-0.03}	0.95 ^{+0.06} _{-0.06}
XMMXCS J092018.9+370618.0	0.18512	1.57 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}	2.48 ^{+0.07} _{-0.07}	2.04 ^{+0.04} _{-0.04}	0.30 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}	0.16 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}	0.55 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}
XMMXCS J133514.4+374908.0	0.59500	0.10 ^{+3.20} _{-0.10}	4.02 ^{+3.77} _{-1.76}	0.69 ^{+0.08} _{-0.27}	0.01 ^{+0.28} _{-0.01}	0.25 ^{+0.07} _{-0.05}	0.58 ^{+0.09} _{-0.06}
XMMXCS J133459.5+375024.5	0.38200	0.10 ^{+3.56} _{-0.10}	3.99 ^{+2.25} _{-1.76}	0.27 ^{+0.06} _{-0.06}	0.75 ^{+0.98} _{-0.63}	0.61 ^{+0.24} _{-0.04}	0.67 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}
XMMXCS J003646.4-432020.6	0.25000	2.82 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}	1.28 ^{+0.55} _{-0.29}	0.14 ^{+0.06} _{-0.05}	0.30 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}	1.00 ^{+0.44} _{-0.13}	0.35 ^{+0.11} _{-0.06}
XMMXCS J130526.8+181156.4	0.42202	2.05 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}	4.04 ^{+1.05} _{-0.81}	2.07 ^{+0.35} _{-0.43}	0.30 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}	1.29 ^{+0.52} _{-0.30}	0.45 ^{+0.18} _{-0.08}
XMMXCS J110954.1+482705.2	0.49513	1.23 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}	6.91 ^{+3.04} _{-0.75}	2.66 ^{+0.42} _{-0.39}	0.30 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}	0.15 ^{+0.03} _{-0.03}	0.38 ^{+0.02} _{-0.01}
XMMXCS J093259.4+551545.0	0.52000	2.02 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}	2.32 ^{+2.36} _{-0.74}	0.39 ^{+0.10} _{-0.10}	0.30 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}	0.30 ^{+0.05} _{-0.04}	0.67 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}
XMMXCS J112245.6+013332.7	0.12973	7.83 ^{+14.01} _{-7.83}	0.90 ^{+0.21} _{-0.16}	0.07 ^{+0.02} _{-0.06}	0.15 ^{+0.48} _{-0.10}	2.00 ^{+0.13} _{-0.12}	0.67 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}
XMMXCS J124235.3-112412.9	0.06800	3.55 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}	1.05 ^{+0.12} _{-0.11}	0.03 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}	0.30 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}	1.83 ^{+0.06} _{-0.06}	0.67 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}
XMMXCS J005656.6-274032.0	0.56000	1.86 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}	3.02 ^{+1.52} _{-0.77}	1.55 ^{+0.30} _{-0.41}	0.30 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}	0.10 ^{+0.05} _{-0.06}	0.48 ^{+0.05} _{-0.02}
XMMXCS J054732.7-511014.4	0.07600	7.77 ^{+17.33} _{-7.77}	0.63 ^{+0.13} _{-0.15}	0.01 ^{+0.00} _{-0.01}	0.13 ^{+1.09} _{-0.10}	1.35 ^{+0.11} _{-0.09}	0.67 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}
XMMXCS J083147.8+525036.1	0.46000	3.90 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}	5.21 ^{+1.84} _{-1.23}	0.84 ^{+0.08} _{-0.08}	0.30 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}	1.02 ^{+0.06} _{-0.06}	0.35 ^{+0.01} _{-0.01}
XMMXCS J051549.8+794000.9	0.61000	8.05 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}	5.01 ^{+3.57} _{-1.66}	1.10 ^{+0.14} _{-0.19}	0.30 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}	0.89 ^{+0.04} _{-0.04}	0.67 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}
XMMXCS J133804.0+482105.9	0.08807	1.67 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}	0.53 ^{+0.10} _{-0.10}	0.02 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}	0.30 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}	0.32 ^{+0.03} _{-0.03}	0.35 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}
XMMXCS J084859.0+445149.6	1.26100	2.72 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}	5.36 ^{+2.03} _{-1.31}	2.22 ^{+0.27} _{-0.27}	0.30 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}	0.70 ^{+0.03} _{-0.04}	0.95 ^{+0.07} _{-0.06}
XMMXCS J115043.3+545639.0	0.22806	1.13 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}	2.13 ^{+0.41} _{-0.28}	0.49 ^{+0.45} _{-0.04}	0.30 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}	1.38 ^{+0.17} _{-0.17}	0.67 ^{+0.10} _{-0.32}
XMMXCS J210849.1-051640.2	0.31900	5.64 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}	4.77 ^{+2.69} _{-1.39}	1.55 ^{+0.79} _{-0.52}	0.30 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}	0.21 ^{+0.13} _{-0.08}	0.35 ^{+0.06} _{-0.07}
XMMXCS J233402.4+485108.5	0.06230	14.08 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}	5.51 ^{+0.48} _{-0.46}	0.35 ^{+0.69} _{-0.03}	0.30 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}	0.34 ^{+0.02} _{-0.01}	0.52 ^{+0.01} _{-0.01}
XMMXCS J034808.5+241603.0	0.12130	11.92 ^{+4.96} _{-4.19}	2.68 ^{+0.77} _{-0.60}	0.18 ^{+0.02} _{-0.03}	0.60 ^{+0.62} _{-0.37}	0.24 ^{+0.01} _{-0.01}	0.67 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}
XMMXCS J120943.5+391435.1	0.35511	0.00 ^{+1.61} _{-0.00}	6.38 ^{+7.73} _{-2.53}	0.61 ^{+0.73} _{-0.43}	0.99 ^{+1.89} _{-0.90}	0.10 ^{+1.90} _{-0.16}	0.51 ^{+0.44} _{-0.16}
XMMXCS J022616.3-023954.2	0.06000	2.67 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}	0.61 ^{+0.04} _{-0.04}	0.02 ^{+0.01} _{-0.00}	0.30 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}	0.46 ^{+0.10} _{-0.08}	0.70 ^{+0.11} _{-0.08}
XMMXCS J222818.8-050746.8	0.75000	5.15 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}	1.20 ^{+0.70} _{-0.35}	0.63 ^{+0.42} _{-0.30}	0.30 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}	0.10 ^{+0.03} _{-0.03}	0.42 ^{+0.05} _{-0.04}
XMMXCS J223939.4-054327.4	0.24300	5.53 ^{+2.35} _{-2.07}	2.65 ^{+0.53} _{-0.49}	0.91 ^{+0.16} _{-0.15}	0.34 ^{+0.27} _{-0.20}	0.77 ^{+0.10} _{-0.09}	0.80 ^{+0.10} _{-0.08}
XMMXCS J063945.9+821849.6	0.40000	4.93 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}	4.60 ^{+2.20} _{-1.10}	0.80 ^{+0.17} _{-0.37}	0.30 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}	0.23 ^{+0.05} _{-0.13}	0.41 ^{+0.54} _{-0.02}
XMMXCS J045506.0-532342.5	0.40000	4.07 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}	3.01 ^{+1.09} _{-0.67}	0.67 ^{+0.11} _{-0.09}	0.30 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}	2.00 ^{+0.06} _{-0.06}	0.35 ^{+0.01} _{-0.01}
XMMXCS J122929.0+015126.0	0.46022	1.79 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}	10.00 ^{+5.41} _{-2.84}	2.66 ^{+1.09} _{-0.27}	0.30 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}	0.44 ^{+0.02} _{-0.03}	0.67 ^{+0.00} _{-0.32}
XMMXCS J223228.7+391518.3	0.27100	11.75 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}	3.54 ^{+3.18} _{-1.06}	1.56 ^{+0.68} _{-0.73}	0.30 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}	1.92 ^{+0.10} _{-0.43}	0.95 ^{+0.43} _{-0.25}
XMMXCS J111515.3+531949.1	0.46647	0.92 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}	8.11 ^{+2.59} _{-1.82}	18.42 ^{+1.97} _{-1.80}	0.30 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}	0.45 ^{+0.02} _{-0.02}	0.67 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}
XMMXCS J233231.0+485406.9	0.11100	13.93 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}	1.70 ^{+1.35} _{-0.40}	0.07 ^{+0.07} _{-0.03}	0.30 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}	0.10 ^{+0.02} _{-0.02}	0.95 ^{+0.08} _{-0.08}
XMMXCS J135358.8+335003.4	0.46897	1.25 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}	2.41 ^{+0.81} _{-0.79}	1.21 ^{+0.93} _{-0.16}	0.30 ^{+0.00} _{-0.00}	0.12 ^{+1.88} _{-0.01}	0.47 ^{+0.48} _{-0.12}
XMMXCS J200312.6-324754.9	0.21510	10.15 ^{+4.37} _{-3.76}	2.95 ^{+0.80} _{-0.58}	0.70 ^{+2.14} _{-0.46}	0.41 ^{+0.37} _{-0.28}	0.10 ^{+1.90} _{-0.00}	0.57 ^{+0.38} _{-0.22}
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Cluster	z	nH (10^{20} cm^{-2})	T _x (keV)	L ₅₀₀ ($10^{44} \text{ erg s}^{-1}$)	Z (Solar)	r _c (arcmin)	β
XMMXCS J122118.7+275732.3	0.76000	1.88 $^{+0.00}_{-0.00}$	1.90 $^{+1.02}_{-0.52}$	0.45 $^{+0.17}_{-0.12}$	0.30 $^{+0.00}_{-0.00}$	0.86 $^{+0.88}_{-0.25}$	0.43 $^{+0.17}_{-0.17}$
XMMXCS J133604.6+514531.5	0.46291	1.09 $^{+0.00}_{-0.00}$	2.09 $^{+1.30}_{-0.64}$	0.51 $^{+0.09}_{-0.08}$	0.30 $^{+0.00}_{-0.00}$	2.00 $^{+0.03}_{-0.03}$	0.67 $^{+0.00}_{-0.00}$
XMMXCS J101931.6+080345.2	0.17200	2.90 $^{+0.00}_{-0.00}$	2.54 $^{+1.27}_{-0.68}$	0.56 $^{+0.31}_{-0.22}$	0.30 $^{+0.00}_{-0.00}$	0.30 $^{+0.15}_{-0.08}$	0.36 $^{+0.06}_{-0.05}$
XMMXCS J095957.8+251630.4	1.05000	2.70 $^{+0.00}_{-0.00}$	3.70 $^{+0.75}_{-0.61}$	2.04 $^{+0.17}_{-0.18}$	0.30 $^{+0.00}_{-0.00}$	0.10 $^{+0.00}_{-0.00}$	0.53 $^{+0.01}_{-0.01}$

Table H.3: XCS Spectral and surface brightness fitting results.

Appendix I

A description of the XCS Spectral and Surface brightness fitting

I.1 Spectral fitting

The spectral fitting was carried out using version 12.5.0ac of the XSpec X-ray spectral fitting package. The models were simultaneously fitted to the spectra for the available observations and cameras using the maximum likelihood Cash statistic. The spectral bins were grouped such that there was a minimum number of counts per bin. This minimum number of counts was based on the number of counts in the spectrum and varied from 1 for spectra with 250 counts and below up to 5 for spectra with 850 counts and above, scaling as a powerlaw with an index of 0.75 for values in between. This scaling of the minimum number of counts per bin was derived from simulations of spectral fitting EPIC data and is designed to minimise the bias in the derived parameters while also minimising the errors. Data between 0.3 and 7.9 keV were used for the fitting in order to maximise the signal-to-noise.

Four different models were fitted to the data. All the models included a photoelectric absorption component (WABS) to simulate the absorption from the neutral gas in our galaxy and a hot plasma component (MEKAL) to simulate the X-ray emission from the intracluster medium (ICM). The first model involved fitting these components with the hydrogen column and ICM metallicity frozen (at the galactic radio column for the hydrogen column and the canonical value of 0.3 for the metallicity). The second model was the same as the first except that the hydrogen column and metallicity were allowed to vary. The third model included an extra powerlaw component to simulate a potential contaminating point sources, and the fourth model had two MEKAL components rather than one in order to simulate the case where there is a significant cool core in the cluster. The best fitting model was used to derive the luminosity and temperature of the cluster.

I.1.1 Background Subtraction

The background subtraction from the spectral fitting was done using an in-field method, since XCS clusters do not have large angular sizes. The background spectra were taken from an annulus around the source (in the case of sources very near the edge of the field of view an ellipse perpendicular to the direction of the centre of the field of view with a circular region centred on the cluster excluded, was used instead). The outer edge of the annulus is 1.5 times the maximum radius identified for the source by XAPA and the inner edge is at 1.05 times that radius.

I.2 Surface brightness fitting

The surface brightness fitting was performed by simultaneously fitting a model to the individual images for each camera and observation of the source. The model was convolved with the 1-dimensional “Extended Accuracy” XMM-Newton point spread function model, multiplied by the exposure map and have a background map added before being compared with the data. The maximum likelihood Cash statistic was used for the comparison and the MINUIT package of minimisation algorithms was used to find the best fit. The main function used to characterise the shape of the clusters was a 1-dimensional King profile consisting of a core with a powerlaw decline outside that. Three different models were fitted to the data. First a simple King model with β frozen at the canonical value of $\frac{2}{3}$. Second a King model with β allowed to vary. Thirdly a King model with an inner powerlaw cusp where inside a certain radius (usually of the order of the core radius) the surface brightness increase as a powerlaw into the centre. The best fitting model was used to calculate the scaling of the luminosity from the extraction region to r_{500} .

I.2.1 Background Subtraction

The same background regions were used for the surface brightness fitting as were used for the spectral fitting. However in addition to . Since the background can be considered as two components, an ‘X-ray’ component that is focused (and so vignetted) by the telescope mirrors and a ‘particle’ component that is not. In reality the ‘X-ray’ component includes soft protons that are focused by the mirrors and the ‘particle’ component includes high energy photons that are created as the result of particle collisions with the telescope structure. These need to be treated separately as their spatial variation is different. To calculate the ‘particle’ component which should be approximately constant across the field of view the number of counts and effective exposure time is measured for two regions with significantly different off-axis angles. The comparison of these quantities allows the ‘particle’ background rate to be calculated. Using the total rate estimated from the annular background region and the exposure map, background map can then be constructed consisting of the sum of the constant ‘particle’ background and the spatially varying X-ray background.